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LABOUR IN PIT STRIKE TURMOIL

Benn strike call 'astounds' Kinnock

By VALERIE ELLIOTT Political Staff

THE Labour party's divisions over the miners' strike widened last night as Mr Wedgwood Benn publicly contradicted Mr Kinnock and raised the possibility of a general strike in support of Mr Scargill.

Mr Benn, MP for the mining constituency of Chesterfield and a member of Labour's National Executive, declared at a meeting in Huntingdon: "The Labour movement has got to face the fact that a general strike might become necessary to protect free trade unionism, ballot box democracy, political freedom and civil liberties in Britain."

He did so only a few hours after Mr Kinnock had made it clear in a meeting with Mr Scargill that he was not in favour of a general strike.

The Labour leader also told the NUM president that the strike leaders had to do something to stop picket-line violence, which was damaging the party's case in the coal dispute.

The suggestion of a general strike was put forward by Mr Dennis Skinner, MP for the mining constituency of Bolsover, a member of the National Executive.

But Mr Skinner, who was accompanied by Mr Heathfield, general secretary, Mr Mick McGahey, vice-president, and Mr Roger Windsor, the union's chief executive, who was involved in the talks with Col. Gadhafi, made no response to Mr Kinnock's view of the situation.

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MORE MINERS IN RECEIVER MOVE

The Midlands area council of the NUM is expected today to discuss a plan for working miners to take a High Court action to call in the receiver to handle the affairs of the area.

Later, asked about Mr Benn's remarks during an interview on the Central Lobby, Mr Kinnock said: "I think that is rather a romantic view of affairs, and rather exaggerated."

"But in many ways, much

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TUC steers clear of contempt risk

By MAURICE WEAVER Industrial Staff

THE TUC yesterday reaffirmed its support for the striking miners but, on the advice of its lawyers, drew back from offering any assistance which might put it in contempt of court.

Mr Arthur Scargill, and his fellow NUM leaders had spent six and a half hours with the seven-man TUC liaison committee during which they sought direct financial help to maintain the strike and alternative office facilities should they be evicted from their headquarters by a court-appointed receiver.

Press for action

The TUC "elders" had been advised by their lawyers that, while they can actively press for action in support of the NUM's industrial objectives, they must avoid at all costs doing anything which can be construed as an attempt to encourage the miners in its challenge to the courts or to minimise the effects of a receiver.

Blatant provision of alternative premises, having the NUM's staff or funding it would almost certainly fall within that ambit and the TUC team said they could not contemplate that.

The TUC did agree to investigate all possible measures to

Receiver seeks to quit

By TERENCE SHAW Legal Correspondent

MR HERBERT BREWER, the Derbyshire solicitor appointed by the High Court last Friday as receiver of the assets of the National Union of Miners, has asked to stand down, a judge in London was told yesterday.

His decision was due partly to attacks on his credentials as a suitable receiver. He is a former Conservative councillor.

But Mr Justice Mervyn Davies refused to accept his resignation at once and ordered that he must continue in office at least until today, when the court will rule on an application to have the appointment of a receiver renewed.

If Mr Brewer's resignation is accepted it is expected that he will be replaced by Mr Michael Arnold, 49, senior managing partner in the firm Arthur Young, McClelland Moores and Co which has offices close to the Law Courts.

Both were in court yesterday as the judge heard an application by 16 working miners for continuation of the receivership.

Dublin visit

Mr Brewer, who is senior partner in a firm of solicitors in Ilkeston, had stepped in last week to act as receiver at the request of Mr David Negus, solicitor for the 16 miners who had brought the emergency receivership application.

Since his appointment was confirmed by the Court of Appeal at a special Saturday sitting, he had been to Luxembourg and Dublin to lay claim to £4,650,000 and £2,700,000 of the union's assets deposited in banks there in an attempt to avoid their seizure by High Court sequestrators.

His appointment angered some union members and Labour MPs because of his associations with the Conservative party.

But the case is being obstructed by violence. Everything possible has to be done to stop the case for coal being obstructed in this way.

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POISON GAS ABORTIONS IN BHOPAL

Doctors in Bhopal, India, have aborted many pregnant victims of the poison gas leak from the American-built pesticide plant and authorities said Monday's leak of methyl isocyanate from the Union Carbide plant was likely to cause long-term environmental and health problems.

Blindness, sterility, mental retardation and kidney and liver damage were listed as side effects of cyanide poison.

Eight cases of stillbirth were reported at Hamdard hospital, the largest in Bhopal, where doctors said pregnant women were brought to the hospital in terrible pain and had to be aborted.

Compensation warning

BNOC TO CHANGE OIL PRICING

By Our Business Correspondent

A shake-up in the way oil prices are fixed is being planned by the British National Oil Corporation, bailed out last month by the Government with a £45 million grant because of rising North Sea trading losses.

The corporation is planning to abandon quarterly fixed price contracts and take more account of trends in the independent spot market. Changes by BNOC will have international repercussions and could signal the start of major changes in the oil market price structure.

City Report

WAKEHAM VISITS HIS OFFICE

By Our Political Correspondent

Mr John Wakeham, Government Chief Whip, visited his office in Downing Street yesterday for the first time since he was severely injured in the Brighton hotel bomb attack in October.

The Prime Minister and colleagues welcomed him back. Mr Wakeham, who is walking with the aid of crutches, is not expected to return to work until the New Year.

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Mr Herbert Brewer in London yesterday after a High Court judge had been told that he wanted to stand down as the NUM official receiver.

Reagan seeks pay cuts of 5pc

By RICHARD BEESTON in Washington

PRESIDENT REAGAN has proposed a one-year, five per cent. pay cut for the Government's 2.1 million federal civilian employees in his effort to slash the budget deficit, and is willing to take a 10 per cent. cut in his own \$200,000 salary.

The White House spokesman, Mr Larry Speakes, said that at a meeting with Republican congressional leaders Mr Reagan said he would "lead the charge" in his efforts to cut the deficit, now approaching \$200 billion.

The average salary of an American federal employee in Washington is about \$37,700 and the average pay cut that Mr Reagan is calling for works out to about \$1,880.

But Mr Reagan's plan for a drastic \$34 billion cutback in domestic spending appeared to starle his audience.

"I had to swallow again," said the Republican leader of the House, Congressman Robert Michel. "It isn't going to fly," predicted Congressman Bill Green.

The new Senate Republican leader, Senator Robert Dole, said there had been discussion about members of Congress and other senior officials taking a ten per cent. pay cut.

Mr Reagan's plan calls for a one year, 5 per cent. across-the-board cut for all federal civilian employees, starting in January, 1986, to save \$3 billion.

Other proposals include freezing the cost of living benefits on all programmes, except social security, reducing farm price supports and eliminating many government programmes.

These moves are certain to provoke a major clash in Congress.

Union opposition

Strong opposition to a federal civilian employee pay cut is expected from government workers' unions.

The \$34 billion in domestic spending cuts leave Mr Reagan \$8 billion short of his \$42 billion goal for spending cuts in the fiscal year 1986.

Thousands of employees in a wide range of American companies have been asked in recent times to forfeit lower pay to help their employers through financial difficulty. In some cases the choice has been starkly presented: either the work force agrees, or the company goes bust.

MAN KILLED BY KNIFE INTRUDER

A young man was left dying after a fight in front of a girl friend yesterday. Brian Kemp, 25, fought back as an intruder armed with a butcher's knife broke into a girl's flat in Worcester Drive, Rayleigh, Essex.

The intruder ran off, leaving Mr Kemp bleeding from multiple wounds. He died later in Southend General Hospital.

TORY MPs PUSH FOR JOBS CASH

By JAMES WIGHTMAN Political Correspondent

THE success of Tory MPs

in watering down student grant cuts yesterday encouraged those who are trying to defect the Prime Minister and the Chancellor from their aim of tax cuts in the spring Budget.

They want the £1.2 billion which could be available for tax cuts in go towards an attack on unemployment.

The issue was raised twice in the Commons yesterday, firstly in Prime Minister's Questions and then in a debate on the Chancellor's Autumn statement on public expenditure for the 1985-86 financial year.

Mrs Thatcher told MPs: "There is a great need to fit taxation to the threshold in order to help those on comparatively low wages and to increase the gap between those on social security and those on earnings."

She was replying to Sir Kenneth Lewis (Standford and Spalding), who told to cheers from many Tories, that the announcement on students grants the day before had enhanced the reputation of Sir Keith Joseph and the reputation of the House of Commons.

They were killed after riding into the grounds of the Gransha Hospital on a motor-cycle. Witnesses said soldiers in civilian clothes opened fire with automatic weapons as the two men approached the main hospital buildings.

The IRA men were Daniel Doherty, 25, of Rathlin Drive, Creggan Estate, Londonderry, and William Fleming, 19, of Rose Court, Londonderry.

Councillor Gregory Campbell, leader of the Rev. Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist party members on Derry City Council, and deputy chairman of the security committee of the Northern Ireland Assembly, said: "Every right-thinking person will be delighted that Christmas and New Year have arrived early in the wake of the IRA men."

Administrators acknowledge that they will have to pay more attention to how backbench and constituency party views in the wake of the education revolt.

Mrs Thatcher and senior colleagues have been shaken by what many Tories say was a serious misjudgment by the leadership. There will now be greater consultations between Ministers and MPs.

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R.A ELECTS de GREY

The new president of the Royal Academy is to be Roger de Grey, who was elected overwhelmingly yesterday to succeed Sir Hugh Casson.

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Today's Weather

Greater Britain: Deep depression slow moving near Iceland, with associated troughs passing close to N.W. Britain.

London, Midlands, S.E. Cnty, S. Englysh, E. Anglia, Channel: Dry, bright intervals. Wind S. West or moderate S.E. N.E. 12-16.

N. Englysh, S. Scotland, N. Ireland: Rain at times. Wind S.W. fresh, locally strong. 4F 12-16.

S. Wales, S. Wales: Mostly dry, cloudy. Wind S. or S.W. moderate or fresh. 5F 12-16.

Wales: S.W. cold, overcast. Wind S.W. moderate. 4F 12-16.

Orkney: Mostly dry, bright spells, overcast. 4F 12-16.

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Skyjackers kill hostage after plea for life

By OUR DIPLOMATIC STAFF

TERRORISTS holding about 70 hostages in a skyjacked airliner at Teheran airport shot more of their captives yesterday. Reports of the number of people killed since the Kuwaiti airlines Airbus was seized varied from three to five.

One of those killed yesterday was said to be an American official who pleaded with Iranian officials to meet the terrorists' demands before he was shot on the plane.

Iran A said the skyjackers then threatened to kill the other man, whom it later described as a Kuwaiti steward, if their demands were not met. They also threatened to blow up the plane.

The agency did not immediately say whether the steward was killed.

The skyjackers' demands have not been formally announced but the Iranian agency has said they are seeking the release of men jailed or sentenced to death in Kuwait for bombing the American and French embassies and other buildings a year ago.

The terrorists have also demanded a new pilot and co-pilot, apparently so they can fly out of Teheran.

Hired terrorists

The skyjackers are believed to be "terrorists for hire" members of the Damascus-based Abu Nidal organisation working for another group.

BRITTAN DENIES TORY MORALITY IS INFERIOR

By NICHOLAS COMPTON Political Staff

MR BRITTAN, Home Secretary, voiced frustration last night at the continuing ability of the Government's critics to depict Conservative ideals as morally inferior to those of the Left.

Recent criticism by bishops and others, he said, showed "how many thoughtful and conscientious people still misunderstand and distrust the Government's ultimate objectives."

He expressed surprise that Left-wing critics were still able to gain support for claims that their own policies were inherently superior when the record of socialism at home and abroad had been one of failure.

By contrast, Mr Brittan insisted, the Conservative vision of Britain's future was not only morally superior to the alternatives advanced by the Government's critics, but had also proved more successful in practical terms.

The Home Secretary was speaking at Westminster to a meeting of the Conservative Bow Group, of which he is a former chairman.

His speech not only indicated the extent to which Ministers are irritated by persistent Opposition claims that they do not care about unemployment and other social ills, but also suggested that a fightback was now under way.

Moral unease'

Ministerial concern is the greater because the scale of the Conservatives' General Election victory last year led them to believe that they had largely won the argument, yet now found that they were having to do so all over again in a changed political climate.

Mr Brittan acknowledged that the Government's policies had given rise to "pervasive moral unease" which was usually channelled into three specific criticisms.

First, there was the attack described as monetarism, by had more to do with past resistance than present which they meant that the efforts to respond to it.

Home-made IRA bombs easier to spot

By OUR BELFAST STAFF

THE success of the Northern Ireland security forces in preventing IRA terrorists obtaining commercial explosives is forcing them to make their own.

Terrorists are now having to make bombs with large quantities of home-made explosives with just a small amount of commercial explosive attached as a "primer."

Home-made explosive, which is usually made out of fertiliser with a high nitrogen content, has only about one quarter of the explosive capability of commercial explosives.

This has meant that the IRA A

has been forced to lay land mines of between 300lb and 400lb of home-made explosive, usually packed into beer barrels or gas cylinders, when setting an ambush for military and police vehicles.

This makes the task of detecting terrorist attacks much easier for the security forces.

Doubts on course of economy

By VALERIE ELLIOTT Political Staff

THE Government's autumn statement on the economy was criticised yesterday as "rather unsafe and a gambler's view."

There was also severe criticism of the Government's procedure in deciding public expenditure, and members of the Cabinet were advised to follow more the example of a company board, who collectively made decisions on spending cuts.

Criticisms were made yesterday by the Conservative-dominated Commons Treasury and Civil Service Committee who, in a report, express very serious doubts on the Government's economic course.

At a Press conference to launch the report, Mr Mark Fisher, Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent, said: "The autumn statement is a thoroughly unsound document. It is a most unsafe and precarious gambling assumption."

"It is gambling on a continuing weak pound, and makes the entire statement a rather unsafe and a gambler's view of what might happen if everything works well."

Mr Terence Higgins, committee chairman and Tory MP for Worthing, said he thought that both the Chancellor's aim to introduce tax cuts and the return to the public spending borrowing requirement were "fragile."

Heavily increased

Mr Brittan also defended Mrs Thatcher and her Cabinet against claims that they did not care, saying that spending in real terms on Social Services and the National Health Service had been heavily increased.

He could not resist a sideswipe at the Bishop of Durham, complaining that those who badly needed help from the government "do not simply fit into the Dickensian categories of children without shoes," he loved some of his commentators.

The argument that the Government was dividing society by its policies was equally false, he said. Inequalities in levels of unemployment were the result of past resistance to change, so that they would actually discuss the financing of departments.

Mr John Browne, Conservative MP for Winchester, said that just in the light of the grants row it was obvious there was a lack of planning and coordination in Government spending.

A phone call requesting a "chemist" was made to Mr Keith Izzard, an analyst who ran the local office of Knight International, a firm of marine surveyors with offices throughout the world.

Mr Izzard, who was away in India, and his step-son Andrew Hammond went instead.

He told the inquest yesterday that he had an interest in his step-father's work, especially the "gas side," and Mr Izzard had allowed him to take readings using an expanometer, which registered the presence of explosive vapours.

It registered 0.

He went round the Pointsman with the chief officer, Mr Cowman. When they got to the three-storey high points room, he stayed at the "very top" and Mr Cowman went down into the room holding the end of a pipe connected to the expanometer.

Mr Hammond pumped a handson to suck air through the pipe to the meter, which recorded 0 per cent of gas.

He then sat in his step-father's car and wrote out eight gas-free certificates for various parts of the ship, permitting hot work" with walled lights to take place.

If the men were not given back their jobs, the amount involved could be up to £50,000 from each, depending on circumstances, with the tribunal deciding which of the respondents should pay.

600 JOBS GO AS GLAZING FIRM FAILS

By Our Business Correspondent

Cold Shield, one of the leading double glazing firms, has gone into receivership; it was announced yesterday. About half of the 600 employees of the Manchester-based concern are expected to lose their jobs.

The loss-making company, formerly owned by Royal Doulton, the China group, was acquired less than a month ago by Kean and Scott, the furniture manufacturer, which runs Alpine, another leading double glazing firm.

Alpine will take over the outstanding orders.

UNIVERSITY WILL RUN OUT OF CASH

By Our Education Staff

Bristol University will run out of money within two years unless it can find extra funds of more than £1 million a year. Mr David Tudway Quilter, the university treasurer, said yesterday.

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DRINK-DRIVE CAMPAIGN DEFENDED

By JOHN LANGLEY Motoring Correspondent

LUNCHING the Government's £1,150,000

Christmas publicity drive against drink and driving yesterday, Mrs Lynda Chalker, Transport Minister defended the campaign against criticism that it appears to endorse limited drinking.

The campaign is aimed specifically at the youngest drivers and motorcyclists, with the message "STAY LOW OR YOU MAY LIVE TO REGRET IT."

Chief Inspector Alex Leitch of Grampian Police has said his force felt the campaign was "almost inviting people to take some drink."

Strathclyde, Fife, Lothian and Borders and Tayside police have said they will not use the posters and pamphlets.

Mr Derek Rutherford, director of the Institute of Alcohol Studies, an educational charity, said that if the campaign had any effect at all, it was more likely to increase than reduce road accidents.

Mrs Chalker said: "Of course, the only safe message is zero drinking if you are driving. But we are trying to be realistic."

"We are not saying prohibition, that is not the law. What we are doing is trying to educate people to think about what they are doing."

You can't preach"

"You have got to be realistic in educating people away from drinking and driving. To say 'Leave the car at home' to everybody is as unrealistic as asking everybody not to drink anything."

"The message has got to be believable. You can't preach at young people or be authoritarian about this."

Rejecting complaints that the campaign was "not strong enough," Mrs Chalker said: "I still shudder when I look at the posters."

The poster campaign concentrates on three youngsters: Steve's Saturday on the terrace shows a young man crippled and sitting in a wheelchair on the steps of a nursing home.

Christmas for Carol shows a young girl severely injured in hospital attached to a life support machine.

Too much punch for Judy shows another young girl with a disfigured face and a tube in her throat.

Red triangle

A red triangle enclosing a hand over a glass of drink accompanies the "Stay Low" phrase in TV films and posters. According to the Transport Department, this is a colloquial phrase already in widespread use.

"Staying Low" indicates an intention to consume limited amounts of alcohol.

Mrs Chalker said that taking any alcohol was likely to impair driving but the real problem was not with people who had one or two drinks and "stayed low," but with heavier drinkers.

Out of 77,960 drivers convicted last year for driving with alcohol levels above the 80 milligram legal limit, more than half — 45,555 — had levels in excess of 150 milligrams.

Mrs Chalker pointed out that it was still an offence to drive while impaired through alcohol, even at below 80 milligrams. Inexperience on the road and inexperience of alcohol was a lethal combination, and that was why the campaign was concentrating on the 16-19 year age group.

Profoundly disturbing

Whilst it was difficult to measure the effectiveness of the previous campaigns, the incidence of drinkdriving and driving had at least remained fairly steady and might even have dropped slightly, although both the national consumption of alcohol and motor traffic had been increasing.

But it was "profoundly disturbing" that nearly one in three drivers killed, including the sentence. He had adamantly denied he was the killer, claiming that he found the bodies, and as a young Black he feared the police, so he cleaned up the premises and dumped the bodies.

MURDERER MAY
APPEAL

Lawyers acting for David Carty, 18, who was sentenced to youth custody for life at the Old Bailey on Tuesday for the double murder of sweethearts Robert Vaughan and Michelle Sisler, were unable to confirm last night if he would be appealing against the sentence.

Carty, of Linsey Street, Rotherhithe, appeared stunned by the sentence. He had adamantly denied he was the killer.

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Court delays allow drunk drivers more time on roads

By GRAHAM JONES

DRUNK drivers giving positive breath tests are being allowed months of opportunity to repeat their offences "for the road" because of delays in bringing cases to court, it was disclosed yesterday.

The time-lag in bringing breathalyser cases before magistrates was shown in the case of Archie Hart, 36, a salesman, who was responsible for the death of a young physicist by driving the wrong way up the A1 six months after a positive test.

Dr Douglas Acres, chairman of the Magistrates' Association, said yesterday that in some instances drunken drivers were being excused court appearances and a 12-month ban to take "motoring holidays".

He appealed for magistrates to take a tougher line so that breathalyser cases were heard more quickly.

"I think courts have to be very vigilant to make sure there is a valid reason for an adjournment," he said.

At York Crown Court on Wed-



Mrs Lynda Chalker, Transport Minister, clamping her hand over a symbolic beer glass in front of a warning poster when she launched her Christmas campaign against drinking and driving yesterday.

HELL'S ANGELS JAILED

JUDGE'S great service

Magistrates at Grays, Essex, who last year jailed eight drivers convicted of first time drinking offences have said their approach this Christmas will be the same.

Asked about this yesterday Mrs Chalker replied: "I think I would say they have performed a great service to the nation by warning at a very early stage just how serious an offence this is."

A spokesman for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents said they were happy with the campaign and the message Mrs Chalker was putting across: "You can't ignore the fact that some people just won't listen when they are told they must not drink anything."

Dr John Havard, secretary of the British Medical Association said those used to drink should follow the BMA's rule of "rule of three" advice to stay within the law.

"It says that if a driver must drink alcohol it should be limited to three single measures of distilled spirits or three pints of ordinary English beer."

'PRIVATE EYE' SPY CHARGES COMPROMISE

A plea by eight Servicemen facing spy charges to have Mr Richard Ingrams, editor of Private Eye, jailed for contempt of court ended for a compromise at the High Court yesterday.

Lord Justice Watkins agreed on an undertaking by Mr Ingrams that the satirical magazine would not again refer to the forthcoming Old Bailey trial involving the Servicemen until it is concluded.

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HUSSEIN INITIATES DRIVE TO BREAK MID-EAST IMPASSE

By JOHN BULLOCH Diplomatic Staff

KING HUSSEIN of Jordan formally launched in London yesterday what he called a "determined diplomatic drive" to break the Middle East stalemate.

Speaking at the Royal United Services' Institute, the king said he was engaged in an earnest attempt, with his country's Palestinian and Arab partners, to breathe life into the moribund peace process.

"Our experience has shown Israeli intransigence is threatening the stability of the area as well as its economic progress," he said. Israel had occupied Arab territories for 17 years.

"The onslaught of its occupation policy has undermined the foundations of peace negotiations set out in United Nations resolutions and has eroded the credibility of the United States as a peace mediator," the king said.

Diplomats felt that he would not have done so without some support since first taking steps.

Pivot of alignment

King Hussein has already shown himself to be the pivot of the new Middle East alignment. He is the closest ally of Iraq, which has just resumed relations with the United States after a 17-year break.

He also took the bold step of being the first to renew diplomatic ties with Egypt severed by an Arab summit conference in 1978 to "punish" Egypt for its peace treaty with Israel.

Most daring of all, King Hussein agreed to allow his capital, Amman, to be the scene of the Palestine National Council meeting in the face of direct threats from Syria, which supports the Palestinian factions opposed to Yasser Arafat, the

Palestine Liberation Organisation leader.

At the Palestine Council the king called on the PLO to join him in his new quest for peace. He proposed an international conference, and waded the Palestinians with the suggestion that they would have to be full parties to such a meeting.

In the next breath he alienated them by saying his talks would have no basis on the basis of United Nations Resolution 242, which offers Israel security and peace in return for giving up occupied Arab territory.

The resolution refers to the Palestinians only as "refugees."

It gives them no right of self-determination.

In London yesterday King Hussein renewed his commitment to Resolution 242, and spelled out his offer to Israel:

"Total peace for total withdrawal."

If there were no response,

he said, the outlook for the Middle East would be bleak and outside powers would be drawn in.

Both Iran and Israel see the break-up of the present territorial states of the Arab world as a prerequisite for the assertion of their own hegemony over the whole region, he added.

The king was particularly concerned at the situation in the West Bank, lost to his country in 1967. Creeping annexation of the occupied territories, unless halted, would create an explosive situation.

Mr Rabin, Israeli Defence Minister, arrived in London yesterday and is to give a lecture today. Asked if he planned to meet the Israeli Minister, King Hussein said carefully he had not come to London to meet Mr Rabin.

Israel is reported to be interested in buying a nuclear power station from France, and its specialists have visited the installations of Framatome, the French manufacturers of atomic plant.

Elysee Palace sources said last night that France was looking for "a new stage leading to steps towards realistic peace" in the Middle East.

SKI SNOW RECEDES

By Our Berne Correspondent

Snow suitable for skiing in the Swiss Alps has receded to nearly 8,000 ft in current warm weather. Only tracks above that altitude are open.

PERES 'READY

to meet King in London'

By MICHAEL FIELD

in Paris

MR PERES, Prime Minister of Israel, is prepared to meet King Hussein of Jordan while both are in London next week.

Sources close to the Israeli delegation in France during Mr Peres's official visit there said that he made no prior conditions for such a meeting.

It could be public or in secret, and Israel was prepared to take steps to improve living conditions of the West Bank's Palestinian population.

These include industrialisation, the opening of an Arab bank and an Arab hospital, and nomination of Arab mayors in localities under direct Israeli administration. Censorship would be reduced.

'Practical agreement'

There was word from the Israeli Prime Minister's entourage, too, that a "practical agreement" was in sight with Egypt about Taba, an Israeli enclave in Sinai claimed by Egypt.

Settlement of the Taba question, Israel's withdrawal in south Lebanon and the conditions made by President Mubarak of Egypt for a meeting with Mr Peres.

Mr Peres, who is in Paris until tomorrow, has lunched with President Mitterrand, and the French President is to dine tonight at the Israeli Embassy in Paris—a unique Franco-Israeli occasion.

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A Spanish bus lying on the rocks after plunging into the sea near the Basque town of Zumaya yesterday. Rescue workers recovered five bodies and another four are missing, feared killed.

S. Africa police violent says bishops' report

By CHRISTOPHER MUNNION in Pretoria

SOUTH AFRICAN police were accused of "irregular and illegal activity" in dealing with the recent unrest in black townships, according to a report of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference, released yesterday.

nantly during this tragic period."

The report claimed that a common observation of those who made the sworn statement was that the police had behaved "as if they were at war."

One witness claimed that policemen had been seen drinking while shooting indiscriminately at crowds of people.

Another alleged that police had looted a television shop and a liquor store in Soweto, near Johannesburg.

In one section of the report, Dr Clifford Goldsmith suggested that the false belief that rubber bullets were incapable of causing serious harm may have led to the reckless use of them.

"Fired at close quarters, a rubber bullet can kill, especially if it strikes the head," he said.

He also countered claims that tear gas was a safe and humane way of dispersing a crowd. It could kill if a person was unable to escape from a room filled with the gas.

SOWETO MURDER

Politician shot

Edward Manyosi, the man tipped to take over as mayor of Soweto was shot dead late yesterday. He was the main contender to succeed Mayor Ephraim Tshabala after weeks of bitter fighting on Soweto council.

His car was intercepted by another carrying four black men. Four shots were fired and hit Manyosi, killing him on the spot. Soweto serves as a labour pool for Johannesburg and is home for an estimated two million people.—Reuters

Reagan invites Tutu for apartheid talks

By FRANK TAYLOR in Washington

PRESIDENT REAGAN, faced with growing Republican party revolt over policy towards South Africa, will hold a meeting at the White House today with Bishop Desmond Tutu, the black South African clergyman.

White House officials said that the encounter would show that Washington feels that South Africa's apartheid policy "must yield to peaceful change."

It will be the first meeting between Mr Reagan and a black South African opponent of apartheid.

Bishop Tutu received a rousing welcome on Tuesday when he addressed the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Sub-committee and denounced Mr Reagan's policies towards South Africa as "immoral, evil and totally un-Christian."

After the speech Bishop Tutu said he would like to meet either Mr Reagan or Mr Schultz, Secretary of State, to discuss the growing violence in South Africa.

Most have been released after brief detention at police headquarters.

Most of the Republicans who signed the letter have been regarded as supporters of Reagan's policies and their signatures could signal a significant movement towards a more aggressive posture towards South Africa on Capitol Hill.

American officials describe their "constructive engagement" policy as one under which anti-South African sanctions are discouraged while changes in racial policies are sought through diplomatic channels.

In a letter to the South African Embassy, the Republicans said that America's policy of constructive engagement with South Africa merited sup-

KEY EEC JOBS FOR BRITAIN

By ALAN OSBORN
Common Market Correspondent
in Brussels

BRITAIN has secured the important post of responsibility for the internal market in the division of jobs between the new EEC Commissioners, it was reported yesterday.

The new Commission of 14 members takes office on Jan. 1, 1985.

It looks as if Lord Cockfield, the new Senior British Commissioner, will take charge of the internal market, a job that Britain has sought and which promises to be one of the most influential in Brussels over the next few years.

Lord Cockfield will have responsibility for moves to reduce internal trade barriers between the EEC member States and to shape the Community as an effective fighting force in world markets against the United States and Japan.

The British government has long criticised the barriers to trade among the ten member States. It has called for a swift reduction of barrier formalities and a prompt speeding up of traffic between the members in an effort to promote the EEC as an effective world entity.

The second British Commissioner, Mr Stanislaw Clinton-Davies, is expected to be given responsibilities for transport and the environment.

Below par

Commenting on the British Commission appointments yesterday Mr Steel, Liberal leader, said he wanted to "apologise to our friends in the Community for the appointment of the two Commissioners from Britain who are both redundant political nonentities."

Mr Steel said that "these below-par appointments" were part of the Prime Minister's low level of commitment to the Community.

The provisional shambles of jobs in the new Commission does not give Britain, on the face of it, a major say in the affairs of the Community.

The major jobs, on paper, go to France, Germany and Holland. It appears that the Dutch Commissioner, Mr Andriessen, will take over agriculture.

However the shape of the new Commission and its responsibility could be illusory. It is expected that the main preoccupation of the Commission in the next few years will be concerned with the internal market and it is likely that Lord Cockfield will be among the most prominent members in asserting the Commission's role in negotiations ahead.

LET BRITAIN AND U.S. QUIT UNESCO'

The Soviet Union yesterday accused the United States and Britain of "concerted blackmail" at Unesco and said they were trying to bring about "crisis and deadlock" within the Paris-based organisation.

The United States announced last Dec. that it was withdrawing from Unesco at the end of 1984 unless there were major changes in its operations. Britain said on Nov. 22 it would review its participation at the end of 1985.

Mr Yuri Khilchevsky, the Soviet Ambassador, said several times during a Press conference in Paris that the United States and Britain should be regarded as "outsiders." If they wanted to leave Unesco, "let them do so," he said.—A.P.

MULDOON CALLS ALL BLACK

A TRAITOR

By Our Auckland Correspondent Sir Robert Muldoon, the former New Zealand Prime Minister, was ordered out of Parliament's debating chamber yesterday, after he claimed that a former All Black, Mr Chris Laidlow, was a traitor.

Mr Laidlow, a former Commonwealth Secretariat employee in London, is an adviser on African and Commonwealth affairs to the New Zealand Labour government of Mr David Lange.

Sir Robert told Parliament that it was a waste of money having Mr Laidlow advise on African matters after Mr Lange had toured South Africa with the All Blacks, then kicked his mate in the Rugby Union by criticising South Africa.

WATER ON AGAIN FOR BOKASSA

By Our Staff Correspondent in Paris

Former "Emperor" Bokassa of Central Africa will not have fulfilled his threat of turning up at the Elysee Palace with nine of his children to demand his return home.

The water supply at his chateau west of Paris was turned on again yesterday after it was cut off Wednesday because he had not paid the rates. But he still wants to return to his native country.

TRIAL REOPENS OF DISSIDENTS

By Our Belgrade Correspondent The trial of six Yugoslav dissidents charged with plotting to overthrow the regime, which began in Belgrade yesterday after an interruption of 20 days because the prosecutor requested the enlargement of the indictment.

Regional Development Policy Statement

West Midlands Intermediate Area.

Intermediate Area Status.

1.1 The recent announcement by Her Majesty's Government of an Intermediate Area (IA) in the West Midlands has significant benefits for the New Town of Telford.

1.2 The new scheme will offer selective financial assistance to qualifying projects that create new jobs or safeguard existing ones.

Extension of benefits to the Service Businesses.

1.3 Service industries – banks, insurance, laboratories and computer services amongst others – will now be eligible, joining most manufacturing processes which are already included.

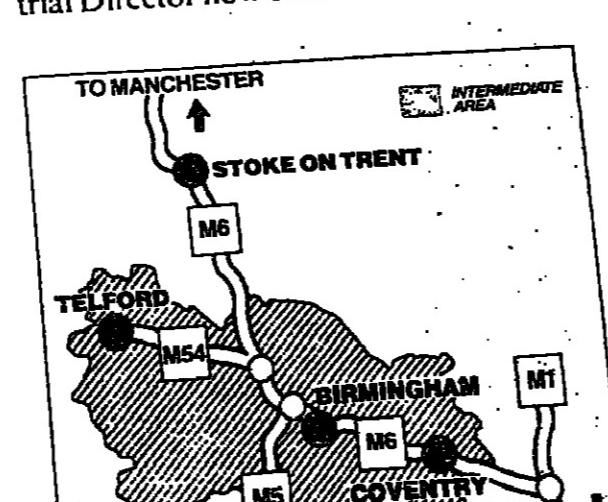
Additional financial assistance.

1.4 Other benefits available to qualifying projects within the IA include:

- (a) Training grants for new personnel.
- (b) Access to loans from the European Investment Bank, as well as exchange risk grants and related benefits.

The Telford Enterprise Zone.

1.5 The benefits of the Enterprise Zone within Telford (i.e. 100% capital allowances, and no rates payable until 1994) are available in addition to the new selective financial assistance.



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'Bhopal takes hard line with Union Carbide'

By BALRAM TANDON in New Delhi

THE Chief Minister and Government of Madhya Pradesh state showed signs of a tough stand in their talks and negotiations with Warren Anderson, chairman, and other officials of Union Carbide, as the death toll in Monday's gas tragedy in Bhopal mounted to more than 2,000.

"I will tell them what has to be told," Mr Arjun Singh, the Chief Minister, said as the first groups of senior American technicians and officials flew to the stricken area yesterday.

"We are not going to beg for anything," he went on.

The state government was seeking legal advice on the liabilities of the company and the issue of compensation to the victims, the other inhabitants of Bhopal and the government.

Heavily armed police threw a cordon round the Union Carbide plant and senior government officials flown out from New Delhi seized all log books and documents of the factory.

Officials of the factory have been banned by the police from leaving Bhopal and company officials who have flown in from the United States were barred from going round the plant until permission had been received from the government and detectives of the Central Bureau of Investigations in New Delhi.

Compensation pledge

Police have also put a guard on Shakeel Ahmed, the Union Carbide employee who was on duty in the vital instrument room of the plant when the disaster occurred, and who alone knows exactly what happened before the gas leaked early on Monday morning.

Shakeel Ahmed was taken seriously ill and is said to be "progressing" in the intensive care unit in Bhopal hospital.

Mr Anderson, who flew to India for talks with the Government and to inspect the Bhopal plant, had prolonged meetings with Mr Keshav Mahendra, chairman of Union Carbide's Indian units, in Bombay.

Mr Anderson has already made a statement assuring the Indian Government that the company will compensate all victims of the gas leakage.

American officials who have gone to Bhopal from the United States include the designer of the plant and a former works manager there.

"We have naturally been

Shoot-on-sight orders for Colombo curfew

By DAVID GRAVES in Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka

TAMIL separatists had killed 17 more civilians in the north of Sri Lanka, bringing the death toll from mounting violence over the past week to more than 200, Government officials said yesterday.

As tension increased the Government imposed a five-hour curfew in Colombo from 11 p.m. and issued shoot-on-sight orders to deal with curfew breakers.

The latest killings were at Cheddikulam, 50 miles from the north-western port of Mannar, where more than 80 Tamils were allegedly massacred by the Army after a land-mine ambush on Tuesday.

Foreign correspondents attempting to reach Mannar yesterday from the ancient city of Anuradhapura, 90 miles away, to investigate the reports could not persuade local drivers to take them to the area.

Fear of attacks

Hardly any traffic was moving to the port because of fear of further rebel attacks and landmine ambushes.

News of the latest mass killing was given by Mr Chandra Bandar, District Minister in Anuradhapura, as the Government in Colombo continued categorically to deny any attack at Mannar, which allegedly happened, after a soldier was killed.

He said that 16 Sinhalese passengers and a Muslim conductor were burned alive after their state-owned Ceylon Transport bus from Mannar was hijacked on Wednesday by armed rebels, who ordered off all Tamils before setting the vehicle on fire.

The Minister said: "Our people are living under increasing pressure. They are just bottling it up. If the terrorists' aim is to provoke a Sinhalese backlash, then, it is becoming more and more difficult to prevent it."

Tamil rebels fighting for a separate state of Eelam, in the north and east of the island, have stepped up their campaign, renewing tension with the Sinhalese, who are 70 per cent of the 15 million population.

Signs of backlash

The Government admitted yesterday for the first time that there were signs of a backlash against Tamils living in the south of Sri Lanka. It said that more than 40 boats of Tamil fishermen were burned in Puttalam and Negombo on Tuesday.

In the 2,400 square miles Anuradhapura district, so far free of the violence crippling the neighbouring northern province, Mr Bandara said the 200,000 population had been placed on a "close-to-war footing."

Villagers had seen at least six groups of 10 to 15 men, wearing blue military-style uniforms, moving through heavy jungle in



Mr Rajiv Gandhi, Indian Prime Minister, visiting victims of the Bhopal gas leak disaster.

438 children flee from U.S. poison spillage

By IAN BALL in New York

THREE weeks before the disaster at Bhopal, a spill of the same highly toxic chemical, methyl isocyanate, forced the evacuation of an elementary school at Middleport, New York, it was disclosed yesterday.

Some 50 children and a teacher suffered eye irritation, but apparently no lasting effects. Officials said the accident might have resulted in greater injury had not the school and the chemical company involved, FMC Corpora-

tion, worked out emergency procedures for such situations.

Some 50 gallons of methyl isocyanate were involved in the spill at the FMC plant, which uses the chemical to make pesticides. The accident reportedly occurred when a maintenance crew installed a pump which failed when it was first tested.

The spill turned quickly to gas which drifted in the direction of the school, 500 yards away.

As children began complaining of painful eyes, all vents leading to the outside were turned off and the 438 pupils

were taken out of the classrooms to assemble for evacuation by school buses.

Nurses from the company hurried to the school to begin washing the eyes of affected pupils and teachers. FMC's safety experts also arrived and although they determined that the contamination was not serious, they recommended that the building be evacuated as a precautionary measure.

Within 25 minutes, all the pupils and 40 teachers had been moved out of the area in school buses.

At the plant a team with respirator masks cleaned up the

spill. The plant has been handling methyl isocyanate for 15 years and a spokesman claimed this was the first mishap there had been with the gas.

FMC stores the chemical

underground in stainless steel cylinders inside a concrete vault which is constantly monitored. The material is refrigerated to 32F to retard vaporisation. If any gas escapes, it is vented into the plant's incinerator.

GERMAN INFLATION

West Germany's annual inflation rate was 2.1 per cent. in November, the same as in October.

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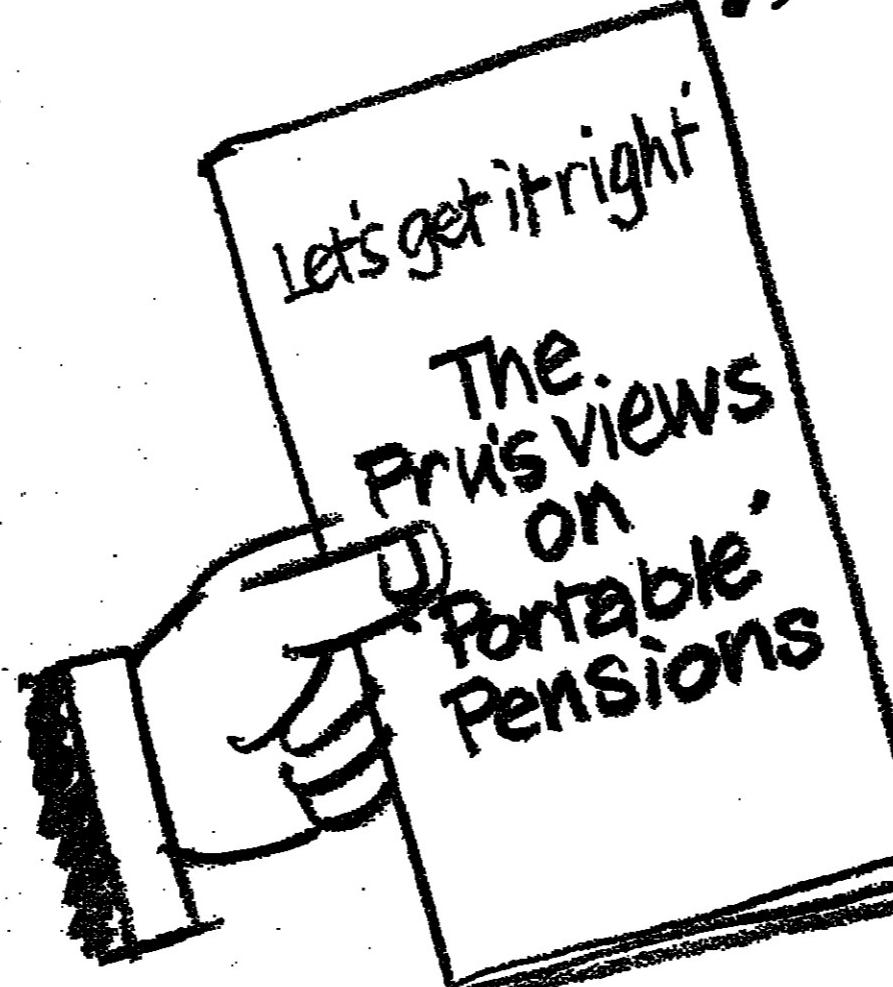
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ETHIOPIA SEEKS BETTER LINKS WITH U.S. WHILE KEEPING SOVIET TIES

By R. BARRY O'BRIEN in Addis Ababa

A HOPE of better relations between the United States and Marxist Ethiopia during President Reagan's second term of office was voiced by Mr Goshu Wolde, Ethiopia's Foreign Minister, in an interview with THE DAILY TELEGRAPH in Addis Ababa.

"There should be no reason why the United States should have excellent relations with a Communist giant like China and not have good relations with a fledgling and least-developed country like Ethiopia," he said.

Ethiopia now had excellent relations with Europe and relations with Britain had improved considerably, particularly since the visit of Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Foreign Office Minister of State, in July, he said.

"Our only problem is with the United States: they categorise the world, as Mr Reagan does, into good and evil and I think they put us somewhere in the evil," he said, laughing.

"I don't know why they do that. We are not evil. We want better relations with all countries, the Americans also."

The Minister said Ethiopia had tried to impress on the Reagan Administration that there was a logical reason for Washington's negative attitude towards Addis Ababa since the 1974 revolution that overthrew the pro-Western Emperor Haile Selassie.

The Reagan Administration

are subservient to Soviet foreign policy. We do not belong to the Warsaw Pact, nor to any camp or sphere.

Ethiopia has been fiercely independent for thousands of years and we have an independent foreign policy. We are non-aligned. Our policy is that we are friends to everybody and have malice towards none.

Mr Goshu said Ethiopia appreciated the massive rescue of the American people in the Ethiopian tragedy and hoped the opportunity for better relations created by the tragedy would continue to exert a positive influence.

But better relations with Washington would not mean any weakening of ties between Ethiopia and the Soviet Union, he said.

Weapons supply

"This is quite clear as far as we are concerned. Our relationship with the Soviets and East European countries will develop while, at the same time, we extend the hand of friendship and fraternity to all countries in Western Europe and to America."

Mr Goshu acknowledged that the Soviet response to the Ethiopian famine emergency had not been on the same scale as that from the United States but said Soviet aid had to be looked at, not just in the present context, but over the whole period since 1974.

Ethiopia had a debt of gratitude to the Soviet Union for supplying the weapons that enabled it to repel a Somali invasion in 1977, and for 10 years assistance from Russia, Cuba and the Eastern bloc. "They are using the com-

development projects including factories, hydro-electric dams, oil exploration in Southern Ethiopia, and agricultural rehabilitation.

Mr Goshu said Ethiopia was now urgently seeking assistance from the whole world community including Europe and the United States for agricultural rehabilitation, including the resettlement of 500,000 people in family groups from drought-stricken parts of North Ethiopia to more fertile regions.

The resettlement was essential because the devastated soil of the drought areas, cultivated for 3,000 years since the ancient Ethiopian kingdoms, could no longer support human or animal life, he said.

"The alternative to moving people was to leave them to a grim future of no rain and starvation."

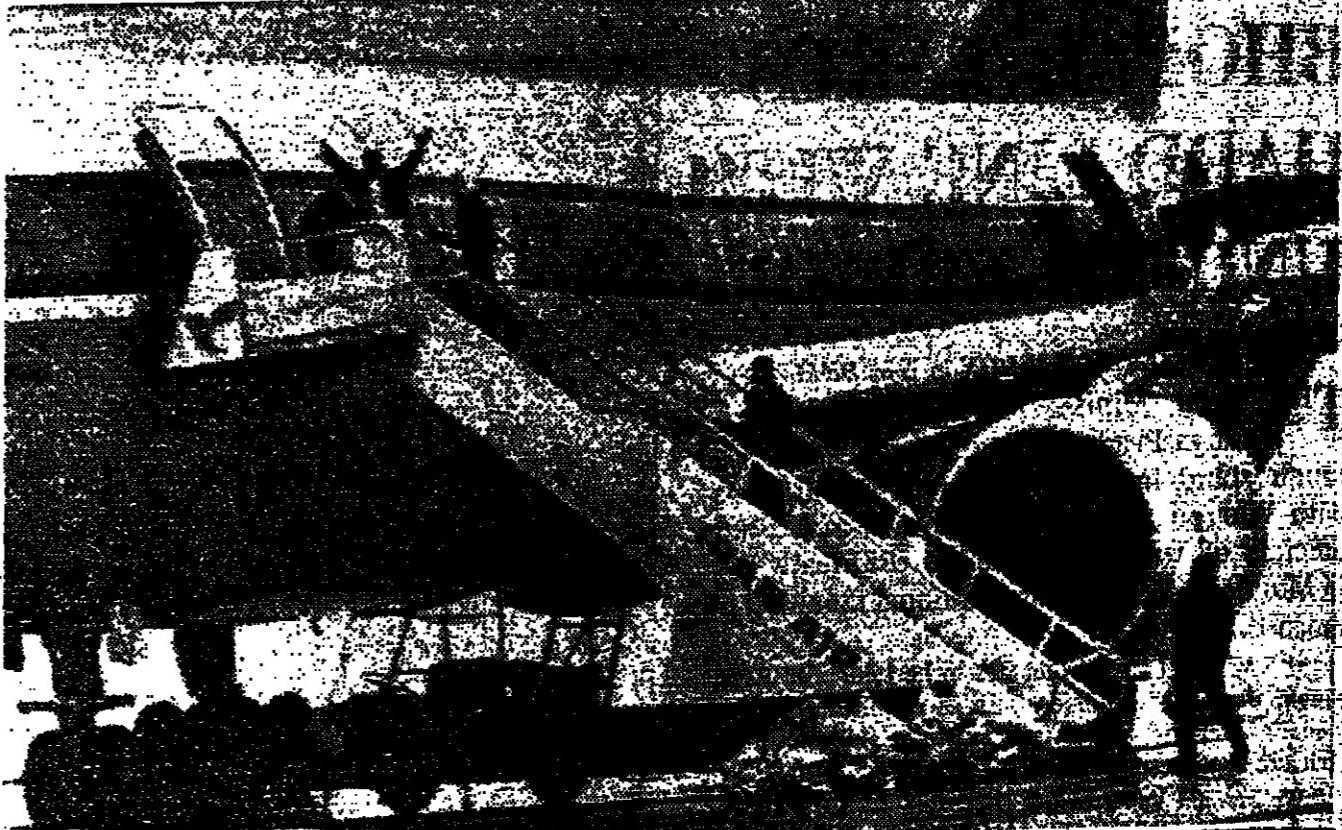
That, of course, is something that no fiercely proud country like Ethiopia was prepared to do. "We can't go to every European capital year after year and beg for emergency assistance. We can do it once, we can do it twice, we can—perhaps—even do it thrice; but the fourth and fifth times people will get fed up."

"This is why we must become self-sufficient in the production of food. Food self-sufficiency is the cornerstone of our 10-year agricultural and development programme."

The Foreign Minister said Western Governments were showing reluctance to support the resettlement programme because of ignorance of the facts.

Mr Goshu accused the United States of exploiting an unsettled dispute over American property worth \$30 million (£24 million), nationalised in Ethiopia after the 1974 revolution, as a pretext for barring Ethiopia from development aid.

"They are using the com-



Skyjackers searching an Iranian doctor before allowing him on to the Kuwait Airways airliner on the tarmac at Teheran.

FALKLANDS AIRPORT ON TARGET

By Our Port Stanley Correspondent

IF there are any doubts in Britain about the cost and work schedule of the Falklands' Mount Pleasant Airport, they do not seem to exist at the sharp end.

The Laing, Mowlem and Amg Roadstone construction consortium are confident of meeting the April deadline for the arrival of the first wide-bodied jet next year.

"We've had one of the most severe winters here and there have been periods when people thought it would not be ready on time," said the project director, Mr Bill Bloomfield.

"But at the moment we are heading for that date and unless we have exceptionally bad weather I see no reason why we should not meet that date."

Most people at Mount Pleasant seem to share this optimism and are apparently affected by the same drive to see an international airport rise out of the virgin peat bog.

"It's an exciting project to build something as big as this in a place like this," said Mr Wyn Kendrick, project manager of Americans' project.

"I don't think that anywhere in the world has there been an airport of this size which has been built so quickly."

With understandable satisfaction, he went on to point out that a smaller airport being built by the Americans on the island of Diego Garcia is expected to take five years to complete. The main two-mile strip at Mount Pleasant will have been built in 16 months.

The feat will have been achieved with no thanks to the Falklands environment.

According to Mr Maurice Charnier, regional director for the Property Services Agency in Port Stanley, the only materials which the tractors have been able to glean from the area have been water and quarried rock. "Everything else had to come from the UK."

The "everything else" includes 500 vehicles and pieces of machinery worth £20 million, prefabricated buildings, fuel, food and workers.

So far more than a quarter of a million tons of these supplies have been brought down to the South Atlantic by the four cargo vessels on permanent charter to the consortium.

Peat in plenty

The one thing that they do have in plenty on the site is peat. But that is a serious hindrance rather than a help.

To get to bedrock and commence work on foundations for the runways and buildings, the mechanical diggers, have excavated 1.3 million cubic yards of the fuel, enough to keep a traditional Falklands kitchen range blazing for 8,000 years.

A year ago only 105 "pioneers" were working on the project but as more accommodation blocks were built, so more men moved in.

At present between 1,700 and 1,800 men are working the site on a 24-hour shift system regardless of the weather. As the April deadline looms the number involved will increase to 2,500.

A spokesman said 2,000 to 3,000 people were arriving at the camp daily, many dropping dead from starvation.

"The situation is just terrible," he said. "And we do not have the food supplies to cope with the immediate needs."

With hundreds of tradesmen, labourers and managerial staff, it adds up to a hefty wage bill. But the Property Services Agency, whose job it is to make sure that taxpayers' money is well spent, are keen to emphasise the cost effectiveness of the airport.

FUEL SHORTAGE HAMPERS AID

By Our Lusaka Correspondent

Transport problems, mainly caused by shortage of diesel fuel have restricted the operation of the World Food Programme office in Lusaka to save about 15,000 people suffering severe malnutrition as a result of consecutive droughts in the past three seasons.

Mr Carlo Volhl, Deputy World Food Programme Representative, said the relief programme in Zambia was also being seriously hampered by lack of certain foods which had to be imported from abroad.



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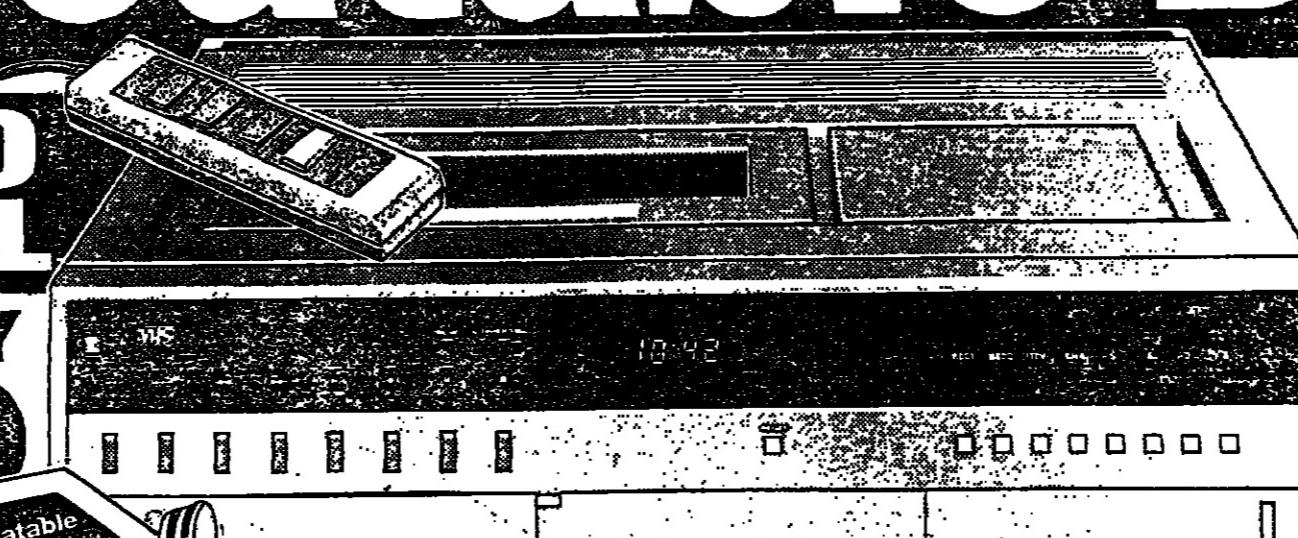
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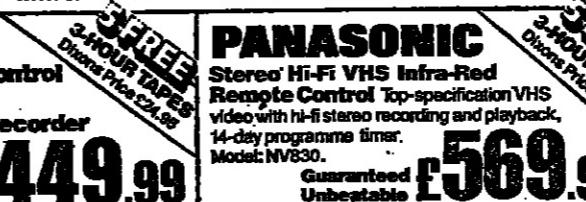
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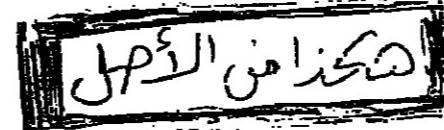
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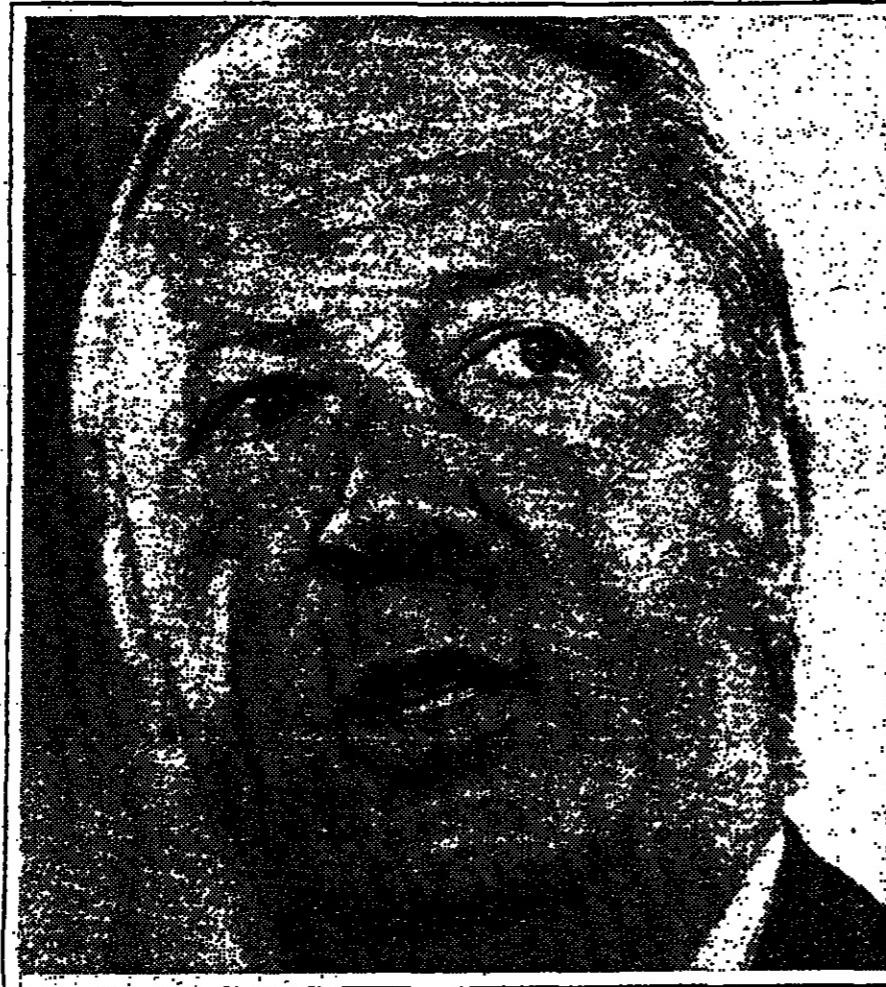
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Are the critics of ratecapping left-wing extremists?



When the new ratecapping laws were put before parliament, thirteen government MPs voted against their own party, including a former prime minister. Many abstained, including a former foreign secretary.

The Tory controlled council in Portsmouth are also among the most vigorous opponents of ratecapping.

In fact, the critics of ratecapping are drawn from all political parties. They also include distinguished academics, doctors and at least one senior police official. People who normally don't speak out on matters of exclusively party political concern.

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Ratecapping is inefficient because the figures Whitehall uses to judge local needs are inadequate and out of date (according to the government's own Audit Commission Report).

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DECLINING SCOTTISH SALMON INDUSTRY IS FACING EXTINCTION

By ROBERT BEDLOW Estates Correspondent

SCOTLAND'S £210 million-a-year wild salmon industry faces total collapse, with 30,000 jobs at risk, unless urgent steps are taken to preserve dwindling stocks.

The warning was given when a new organisation, the Salmon Conservancy, supported by landowners, businessmen and anglers, was launched in Edinburgh.

Mr Douglas Hume, a Glasgow industrialist who is chairman of the group, said: "We view the continuing decline of the wild salmon with growing alarm."

"Unless it is halted soon, the wild Scottish salmon could shortly be facing extinction."

The reported catch on about 1,100 miles of fishing on more than 20 principal salmon rivers in Scotland has fallen from 1,914 tons in 1980 to 920 last year. The decline is now running at an estimated 30 per cent a year.

In an attempt to halt the rundown, protect and conserve salmon stocks the Salmon Conservancy has put forward a four point plan. It also wants the Government to repeal "the archaic and inappropriate laws" which govern salmon fishing in Scotland, and end the commercial overfishing of river mouths, which it says should be designated primary conservation areas.

Mr Hume said: "Due to successive failures by other bodies to deal with the rapidly worsening situation, a new and more constructive approach to salmon conservation is now an urgent priority."

The conservancy body said the present Victorian laws should go.

The plan is for: Realistic net catch quotas which do not penalise commercial netsmen to be set based on the average net catch with the 'down time' (no netting) for two to 2½ days a week;

Area inspectors with powers of enforcement to be appointed to ensure that quotas are adhered to; and laws controlling illegal fishing enforced and licensing systems not abused;

The introduction of net licensing to be administered through the area inspector;

Dealer licensing to be introduced, similar to that which applies to game dealers,

restricting the numbers of outlets to and from which salmon may be sold;

Mr Hume said it was vital that there should be a consensus of all bodies in the salmon industry before it was too late.

He said: "The next five years will be critical. If nothing is done it could be too late to save the salmon."

A recent survey shows that

visiting salmon anglers generate about £140 million to the Scottish tourism industry, plus a further £70 million for the wider British sporting and tourism economy.

Although salmon anglers comprise less than two per cent of the annual total of 15 million visitors to Scotland they account for nearly 20 per cent of the Scottish Tourism Industry's total animal earnings, which in 1982 were £718 million.

The survey also shows that salmon anglers, while taking 15 per cent of the annual catch, earned 97 per cent of the industry's total earnings. Commercial netsmen who take 25 per cent of the catch contributed the remaining 3 per cent worth £5 million annually.

Salmon angling provides direct support for over 30,000 people.

A recent Highlands and Islands Development Board seminar in Inverness emphasised the salmon's importance in rural areas of Scotland in supporting employment and supplementing income.

Poaching threat

A paper at the seminar said the Scottish salmon resources which had survived the problems that had damaged or destroyed European and North American salmon runs, was approaching a crisis.

It said: "Poaching has gone far beyond the traditional 'one for the pot' to become a substantial commercial activity, with hundreds of tons of fish taken by organised gangs and by some sea fishermen."

The extent of the illegal catch, together with the high cost of entry to the salmon's North Atlantic breeding grounds had brought salmon stocks to a point where they were declining both as a commercial and recreational resource and "may face extinction unless urgent action is taken to curb poaching and improve management."

Now a number of distillers

are starting to raise production slightly as sales begin to pick up in Britain, Italy and France. But the 'whisky lake' still contains about 2,744 million litres of alcohol, enough to meet demand for 8½ years at present levels of business.

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BAD PATH

Gloom in the glens

lifts as whisky

sales start rising

By JOHN PETTY Commercial Correspondent

FIRST signs of a recovery are showing in the Scotch whisky industry, still one of the biggest export earners despite having been forced to cut production to 35 per cent of capacity in moves which have devastated life in the glens.

"We are at last beginning to see the bottom of the whisky lake," said Mr Ivan Straker, chairman of Seagram (UK), whose brands include Chivas Regal, The Glenlivet and Queen Anne.

"Short-time and closures have had an awful effect. There is no other work of any kind."

"Closure of a distillery can destroy a glen. People in places like London cannot imagine how catastrophic it can be to a glen village."

Ferry firms on the Channel have lost ten per cent of their customers as a result of the ban but the impact has been even more devastating on the economy of north-west France.

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MILK SHORTAGE

'PUSHING UP'

CHEESE PRICES'

Cheese prices are expected to rise by about 5p lb in the New Year. Dairy Crest, the marketing arm of the Milk Marketing Board, said yesterday.

The increase is a direct result of Common Market milk cuts and the summer drought which has cut the supplies of milk to manufacturers.

Mr Paul Pegden-Smith, of Dairy Crest, said the two things had combined to cut the supply of milk by more than 700 million litres since April. In August and September alone, Cheddar manufacture fell 35 per cent compared with the same months last year.

WINE SALES UP

Wine consumption this Christmas is set to be a record with sales already 10 per cent up. Mr Arnold Tasker, chairman of the Wine and Spirit Association, said yesterday.

Weekend Food

Christmas shopping basket up £1.41

By BRENDA PARRY

WHILE there has been little evidence over the past months of any great increase in the cost of the shopping basket, prices have risen considerably on the basket's 25 basic items since Christmas last year.

Compared with the same week last year, the basket now costs an average of £1.41 more.

Surprisingly, there has been little change in the price of Christmas cakes and puddings. Sainsbury's sell their fully iced traditional Christmas cake at £1.45, the same as last year.

Marks and Spencer are also doing a fully iced cake for the same price as last year at £4.99, and a "luxury" cake at £8.99 in larger branches. A similar cake last year cost £8.50.

Mince pies, in some cases, are dearer. Marks and Spencer's are topped variety which were 49p last year are now 55p for half a dozen. Sainsbury's deep filled mince pies are up from 39p for six to 45p, and Tesco's from 39p to 44p.

Rum and elder

Sainsbury's and Waitrose seem to be leading the field with Christmas puddings this year — their traditional round puddings are wrapped in muslin.

Sainsbury's 2lb 4oz pudding with cherries, walnuts, brandy and sherry costs £3.45. The Waitrose version, weighing 2lb and containing rum and cider, is £2.75. But there are many less expensive and less richly mixed ones available.

Sainsbury's have some rather fine ice creams which might make a lighter relief after turkey and stuffing, and if you suggest you make a white Christmas pudding with cream, cherries and mixed fruit.

Turkey prices are slightly up on last year with the least expensive frozen birds at 51p as opposed to 48p. Once again the turkey trolley will be operating until Christmas Eve. Just call the telephone

number 0113 241 150.

operator, ask for Freefone Butterball, and you can discuss any problems you have about your turkey with an expert.

Beef and pork prices should be about the same as last year with roasting beef starting at about £2.12 lb and pork about £1.20 lb.

This week's best buys for Christmas:

Waitrose: honey coated mixed nuts in jar, £2.85; German selection cheeseboard, £2.75; fully iced traditional fruit cake with cherries, walnuts and rum, 50p; £1.85; round, muslin-wrapped Christmas pudding with rum and cider, 2lb, £2.75.

Tesco: all white Genoa cake decorated with white chocolate, cherries and almonds, £2.99; fully iced traditional all butter Christmas cake with brandy, £7.99; 50p peach halves in brandy, £2.39; 300g chocolate orange, £2.89.

Sainsbury's: frozen turkeys, 2lb, 400g, mini regional English cheeses, £1.16; 2lb 4oz round, muslin-wrapped Christmas pudding with walnuts, orange and cherries and brandy, £1.95; 99p.

Burton's: biscuits: Danish gingers, £1.39/lb; 1lb pork pies, 80p each.

MARS AND SPRING: 10lb Nutfolk or Butterball turkey, £2.40; 1lb own brand prawns, £2.69; 20 valentines cases, 71p; 4oz ready-sliced Bellarena smoked salmon, £2.45; Maynard's chocolate coated brandy snaps, 99p; 50g brandy butter, 85p.

IRELAND FOODS: 1lb beef and Guinness turkey, and asparagus and steak and kidney pies, £1.99.

BRITISH HOME STORES: 1lb green fat brandy, £2.15; 340g pears in white wine, £2.15; 1lb farce mincemeat with raisins, 65p; 100g tubs shelled walnuts, £1.20; 6oz brandy butter, 85p.

The cost of this week's shopping basket of 25 basic items, with full year's totals for the same week in brackets:

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Manchester	10.23	+12
Stratford	20.17	+20
Birmingham	10.23	+12
London	10.23	+12
Plymouth	10.23	+12
Sheffield	10.23	+12
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Yesterday in Parliament

Lawson firm on tax cuts

TORY CALLS FOR POLICY CHANGE ARE REJECTED

By PETER PRYKE Parliamentary Correspondent

MR LAWSON, Chancellor of the Exchequer, persisted in his preference for tax cuts as a means of cutting unemployment in the Commons last night.

Some Conservative MPs suggested that he would do better to spend the money on a programme of public investment.

But the Chancellor, who has announced that he has scope for tax cuts of about £1 billion in his Budget in the spring, indicated his preference for the alternative, particularly by increasing tax thresholds.

"By keeping a firm grip on public expenditure, holding it broadly constant in real terms, we shall at the economic cost to taxpayers have progressive scope for a reduction in taxation, not just for the few but for the many," he said.

"We have achieved that for the many by increasing tax thresholds well ahead of inflation. I hope we shall continue to do so."

Mr ROY HATTERSLEY, Shadow Chancellor, said it was now apparent that the Government had no policy for reducing unemployment and that the Chancellor had a higher priority — Income Tax cuts.

"The unemployed, who are increasing in numbers, are going to have to pay for it."

Spending on imports feared

Conservative MPs arguing for a change in Government economic policy twice interrupted the Chancellor during a debate in which he defended his autumn Financial Statement.

Mr PETER TAPSELL (C. Lindsey E.) said that most of the £1 billion taken off taxes would be spent on imports and would help the Japanese and Germans, whereas the same amount of money spent on selective capital investment would result in very few exports and would create jobs.

Mr LAWSON replied: "I regard it as an extraordinary degree of defeatism to assume that if the people of this country have more money to spend British industry will be incapable of meeting the opportunity."

Later, Mr NICHOLAS WENTON (C. Macclesfield) said that if some of the money that went in paying for unemployment and Government manpower schemes was directed to selective capital projects that would reduce unemployment.

Mr LAWSON told him: "There is no benefit in capital projects unless they are worthwhile in their own right."

Wage expectations have adjusted

Opening the debate, Mr Lawson rejected "with anger" the charge in a Labour motion that his policies were "calculated to create and sustain a high level of unemployment."



Mr. LAWSON: Keeping a grip on public expenditure.



Mr. HATTERSLEY: No policy for reducing unemployment.



Mr. TAPSELL: Help for the Japanese and Germans.



Mr. PARKINSON: A man's way of resolving differences.

describing it as an outstanding success, he said that about two million people had chosen to ignore the Labour party's threat of renationalisation.

"They have put their money on the table and they have put it on the blue screen. The weight of their money says there is never going to be another Labour Government, at least while the Labour party remains committed to the destruction of free enterprise."

Declaring that privatisation would continue to be a major element in the Government's economic strategy, he said the common thread in the 12 major companies returned to free enterprise was higher turnover leading to higher profits, more investment and more jobs.

No policy for unemployment

Mr. HATTERSLEY said the Chancellor had at last abandoned the pretence that strict control of public borrowing and a constant reduction in monetary aggregates would lead to a certain and automatic cut in unemployment.

"The Government has no policy for unemployment except to sit back and to watch it rise year by year, while they concentrate on economic objectives which are more important to them."

Referring to cuts in regional aid, house building, overseas aid and social security benefit as the consequences of the autumn statement, Mr Hattersley said that when given a choice Mr Lawson always chose the high unemployment option.

Criticising the Conservative "wets," Mr Hattersley said: "No matter what they said to selected audiences of Conservative liberals, or write in the *GUARDIAN*, they would be supporting a Government which despite all its protestations, was adopting a high unemployment policy."

Mr Hattersley said: Their

reputation for humanity and compassion — and that goes for the King Wet, the Energy Secretary, Mr Peter Walker — is eroded every time they vote for a strategy which the Government now adopts."

He called on the Government to deny reports that the new Minister Without Portfolio, Lord Young, had called for the ending of supplementary benefits for unemployed 16 to 18-year-olds.

"If I, as Chancellor of the Exchequer, had to choose between cuts in income tax and cuts in unemployment I would choose cuts in unemployment."

Mr CECIL PARKINSON (C. Hertsmere), former Trade and Industry Secretary, said the present miners' strike was a national disaster. At the end of the day, everyone connected with that industry would find themselves in the position that the Japanese had found themselves at the end of the 1939-45 War.

"No one can possibly gain from this strike. It is a man's way of resolving differences to inflict damage on ourselves and benefit our rivals."

"I am convinced that unless we can find a better way of working together, we will continue to have difficulties and troubles of our own making."

Mr Parkinson said the Government was constantly being accused of not spending enough on the construction and engineering sectors.

Making available £2 billion for tax cuts would be a good start to a job creation strategy.

Indian poison cloud raises Lords' fears

By WALTER ABURN Parliamentary Staff

FEARS that Britain could also face a large-scale disaster like the poison gas escape which has killed 2,000 people at Bhopal in India, surfaced in the Lords last night.

During the committee stage of a Government measure to tighten safety procedures governing national emergencies, Lord RENDON (C) said: "Bear-

ing in mind the situation in India, we really ought to be prepared for anything that might happen."

During a debate on the Food and Environment Protection Bill he argued that farmers should receive compensation from the Government for production losses caused by pollution from an unknown source.

Lord STANLEY OF ALDERLEY (C) said earlier that he was sure they would offer their prayers and sympathy for the dead and dying in India.

He hoped it would be thought correct to think of farmers whose crops might be damaged by any similar disaster here.

Contaminated food

Lord BELSTAD, Agriculture Minister of State, promised serious consideration for what had been said.

The Bill is designed to allow Ministers to make emergency orders to stop the consumption of contaminated food and farm produce, to control dumping at sea, and to regulate the import, sale, supply and use of pesticides and other preparations to control pests.

Lord Belstead rejected an Opposition amendment which required consultations with local authorities in dealing with health hazards arising from contaminated food.

He said proposals in the Bill were necessary so that the Government could act quickly. They intended to consult local authorities on administrative arrangements if the Bill became law. It dealt with a narrow but potentially serious situation where harmful substances had been released which could contaminate food.

"We would blame ourselves if we had not laid the right sort of plans," he said. Such situations could occur outside the jurisdiction of local authorities, perhaps at sea.

The amendment was withdrawn.

FEWER ROYAL ORDNANCE JOBS TO GO

Redundancies at two of the Royal Ordnance factories — at Birtley and Bishop Auckland — were less likely to be lost at Birtley because of an order received for armament-piercing shells and 240 would be saved at Bishop Auckland because of the workload there.

Lord Trefgarne was speaking during a Question Time exchange on Government progress in creating Royal Ordnance P.I.C. to take over ownership of the factories with all the shares to be held initially by the Defence Secretary.

Today in Parliament

HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Ministers urged to follow Sir Keith's 'flexibility'

By WILLIAM WEEKES Parliamentary Staff

A CALL for other Ministers to emulate the flexibility shown by Sir Keith Joseph, Education Secretary, in his climb-down over student grants was made by Sir KENNETH LEWIS (C, Stamford and Spalding) in the Commons yesterday.

Conservatives cheered loudly when Sir Kenneth said Sir Keith's action — made in response to heavy pressure from Conservative MPs — had enhanced his reputation and that of the Commons itself.

It was Labour's turn to cheer Sir Kenneth when he added the sting in the tail by asking Mrs Thatcher:

"Although I don't want to push it too far, would you have a word with some other Ministers and ask them to be equally forthcoming and flexible on other things in the coming month?"

After thanking Sir Kenneth, Mrs Thatcher told him: "No, I shall not urge the Chancellor to have more public expenditure."

Robbed science

"May I remind you that there is a great need to lift taxation to the threshold in order to help those on comparatively low wages and to increase the gap between those on social security and those on earnings."

Mr KINNOCK protested that in the course of making this "desirable concession" on students grants, the Government had robbed science to save its own skin regardless of the damage inflicted on British engineering, medicine, industry and technology.

If it is the case that last week, in the words of the Secretary of State, the desperate plight of the scientist could wait no longer, why can it wait longer this week?"

Mrs THATCHER retorted that the science budget was growing and would be bigger next year than this. Under Sir Keith's stewardship the science budget for 1984-85 was £530 million as against £74 million in the last year of the Labour Government.

The Prime Minister responded by quoting the Labour Government's own record on public spending when Sir Kinnoch demanded an end to her "obsession" with cuts.

Biggest cuts

She said the biggest spending cuts in the last 10 years occurred between 1979-81 when Labour made cuts of £9 billion in terms of 1982 prices.

"I congratulate you on being the Government which cut public expenditure by a bigger amount than ever before," she told Mr Kinnoch.

Mrs Thatcher, replying to further questions, said there were always difficult choices to be made in public spending but it could not go on rising.

Dr DAVID OWEN, SDP leader, said it was "niggardly" to pull back the money desperately needed by science and to cut the ship for a bath of oil.

Mrs THATCHER replied that Dr Owen was in the comfortable position of opposition and refused to make those difficult choices.

"You had to make them in government, and you were a member of a government which made £9 billion cuts in one year."

Mr PETER HORDEN (C. Horsham) suggested there should be a full review of public spending at the start of the year to allow for the fullest possible consultation with MPs.

The Chancellor's autumn review has so far been altogether much like Russian roulette with the pistol pointing at our feet. It is time all this changed."

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COMING DEBATES

HOUSE OF LOADS

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Tues: Report stage of the EEC draft general budget for 1985; International Development Association (Seventh Replenishment) Order; International Bank for Reconstruction and Development 1984 Selective Capital increase Order.

Thurs: Valerie Mary Hill and Alan Monk (Marriage Enabling Bill); 2nd rdg; two Scottish Orders; Banking Bills; three Immunities and Privileges Orders—Etelcasal, International Lead and Zinc Study Group and Inter-American Development Bank; Eurn Communities Supplementary Finance Order.

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THE ARTS

FILMS / Seasonal fantasies

STEVEN SPIELBERG is evidently not one to repeat himself, and while there are some similarities between the Extra-Terrestrial of his popular film and *Gizmo*, the comparable creature at the centre of *Gremlins*, there are more differences.

This time he distances himself from the proceedings, acting as chief executive producer but not as director or writer. So if the story, starting so sweetly, develops questionably, as I think it does, responsibility must go to the director, Joe Dante, and scriptwriter, Chris Columbus.

Nothing could be more intriguing than the opening with a father, who happens to be a crackpot inventor, going to the Chinese quarter to find a special Christmas present for his young son who is a bank clerk in a mid-west town.

Lured into cellar, he hears the sound of singing from a cage in which his finds a creature of unknown species but much of whom, looking rather like a Pekinese with ears like a bat's wings.

This is sold to him reluctantly by an old Chinaman with three warnings: the animal must be kept away from water, be protected from strong light and, most curiously, never be fed after midnight.

By these provisions one is reminded of a classic fairy story, but nothing of that kind occurs when *Gizmo* is taken home and given to the delighted son, Billy Peltzer, who finds him an attractive and original pet, quickly calling in a young friend to admire him in his cage.

Alas, he spills some water from a glass on *Gizmo*, with the surprising result that he multiplies.

All this goes on in the Peltzer home in a very matter-of-fact fashion, with Billy going to work each day and sometimes seeing his girl friend, Kate, while some fun arises from the father's ridiculous inventions.

No warning, then, that this is going to turn sharply into a horror comic, with much more horror than comedy, when the last commandment is broken, and the creatures are fed after midnight by Rand, whose watch has stopped.

That they should change from amiable to vicious comes as a great shock, and while the original *Gizmo* has somehow not suffered from these accidents, his progeny take on only a frightening appearance but an aggressive attitude against humans, and we have Billy's mother trying to protect herself with a carving knife.

How these miniature monsters go on to terrify the town in ways I won't divulge, multiplying infinitely when one falls into a swimming bath, makes a rather alarming story.

The intelligence, which enables them to cut telephone lines and jam traffic lights, not to mention

leading scientist with Sigourney Weaver decorative as his girl.

Gremlins (15) Warner

Ghostbusters (PG) Odeon, Leicester Square

A Christmas Carol (U) Classic, Haymarket

driving cars, turns them into formidable adversaries.

That some of their antics, with toys in a department store, for instance, are funny is undeniable, but laughter is effectively stifled by the real terror they inspire and, in the end, when sufficient light is found to obliterate them, I, for one, was much relieved.

IVAN REITMAN'S Ghostbusters is another fantasy, but with no touches of reality at all, to be enjoyed for its zany humour typical of the "National Lampoon" school from which several of its contributors are drawn.

There is, for instance, no suggestion of reality in the department studying paranormal occurrences to which we are introduced in a New York university.

The three young scientists conducting interviews belong all too obviously to fantasy, in which they soon find themselves deeply immersed.

For the department is closed down and they set up in business to carry out the same sort of investigations, but commercially, the firm being advertised as "Ghostbusters."

And much wanted, very quickly, by an assistant in the university library who, on a visit to the basement, finds herself pelted by cards from the index system.

Our three scientists, with special electronic equipment, eventually capture a sort of green cloud of vapour which has caused the trouble, and lock it up in a strong box.

After this, business booms, and the three intrepid ghost fighters, looking with their laser beam and other special equipment strapped to their backs, like a military assault unit, have soon got a fine assortment of ghosts in the same bag.

Only their HQ, which was built as a temple, itself appears to be hideously haunted, having associations with an ancient eastern dynasty, and the girl whom the leading scientist fancies becomes identified with a queen of 50,000 years ago.

A young man from her block of flats becoming identified with her King complicates matters, but the trio is evidently equal to all demands which become considerable when statues start escaping from their stone, as it were, and the temple goes up like a rocket when the ghosts escape.

There's no logic in any of this, but any amount of high spirits and, once again, a great contribution from special effects, Bill Murray nicely suggests tongue-in-the-cheek as the

WITH Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* last coming up in 1970 (with Albert Finney as Scrooge; Alec Guinness as Marley's ghost), a new version does not come amiss, especially one so strongly cast as Clive Donner's.

With George C. Scott as Scrooge, an American influence might be suspected, but although he manages the long part with his usual authority, melting into geniality quite delightfully in the end, the film in general is a triumph for that estimable character actor.

Frank Finlay as Marley's Ghost, Roger Rees as Scrooge's nephew, Fred Holliday, David Warner as Bob Cratchit and Susan York as his wife all give beautifully executed studies, with the Ghosts of Christmas past, present and future safe in the hands of Angela Pleasance, Edward Woodward and Michael Carter.

Patrick Gibbs

TELEVISION / Scenes from a spy story

PROF. JOHN WHITE TYLER of coaching inn, following that weapons demonstration on Salis-
bury Plain. It advances the plot efficiently and, for those inclined to be thrilled by such things, thrillingly. This is too prosaic for scriptwriter Clemens, who prefers to scatter incidents from the scene about to meet the prevailing uncertainty. And lose some of the tension.

This matters so much that the jewel in the SAS crown, does not apply to the Professor's potential bed-mates, even the maid labelled by Lyall as "expressionless." They all signalled their willingness with the subtlety of extras in a Benny Hill show.

Rather more disturbing were the documentaries of the evening. **Richard Bellfield's Rent Boys** (BBC2), in the "Forty Minutes" anthology, gave a cautious glimpse of male prostitution as operated in Birmingham city centre.

Many questions were left unanswered, particularly about the profession which looks like a darkened silhouette and sounded as if he should still be in some fourth form.

More difficulty is added with the soundtrack. It may be better on air but at the critics' preview it registered as so over-recorded that the rain was as insistent indoors as out. Willoughby Goddard's soup-slurping turn, as Master of Prof. Tyler's College, had to be monstrously amplified just to be heard. Mere words frequently disappeared.

The acting, under Alastair Reid's direction, is as inscrutable as necessary. For reasons best known to him this rule



Zach Galligan as Billy in "Gremlins."

MUSIC / Martinu's arid landscape

COMING HOME from Martinu's "The Greek Passion," just in time for a Channel 4 discussion on religion and politics served to point up the continuing topicality of the Czech composer's last work. The Welsh National Opera's production formed part of their current programme at London's Dominion Theatre.

The powerful plot is grimly stated with stark realism by Michael Geltow while John Gunter's soloists evoke the ambience of an arid, sun-drenched landscape with just two suggestive props including a few live coals and the dealers destined to carry Jesus.

The more's the pity, then, that for once it is the music that does not live up to the rhetoric. The disturbing emphasis of the score must not be taken to imply that by 1930 it had become impossible to write relevant music in a tonal idiom. In fact it is a veritable

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As revived at Wednesday's Royal Philharmonic Society concert also heard on Radio 3 the world's sympathy could hardly be called into question as Sir John Pritchard with me

Music and Revolution

JENIN realised from the start that his economic and political reforms after the October Revolution could not at once be matched by comparable shifts in artistic drive and taste. The "new Revolution" had so far been a time of experiment in the Soviet Union before the dead hand of socialist realism took control in the early 1930s. Mrs Simpson, who told of her first 18 years supervised by Hampshire social services. She perhaps underestimates the difficulties her growing pains caused. That is small excuse. The question mark of *Banded With Care?* (BBC2) is purely rhetorical.

Sean Day-Lewis

Skryabin, Prokofiev and Shostakovich are the mainstays of the musical part of the evening, but in truth they have very little substance to support. While it is interesting to hear Moquin developing Mussorgsky's *Chesnay* in his D-sharp suppling the proletarian masses to whom machine oil is mother's milk, with the Prokofievian "Railway Tracks" and *Baslava*, finding a fresh slant on Skryabin's idiom, none seem to have a new voice with anything positive or questing to say.

Some of the underlying trends of early Soviet music have been taken up by Edison Denisov in his new work, "The Blue Notebook," here having

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THEATRE / Battles behind the lines

AS A COMEDY of British military manners in the old Peter Ustinov discursive style, "The Desert Air" by Nicholas Wright at The Other Place, Stratford-upon-Avon, is divertingly observational and sharp-wittedly satirical but somehow essentially misplaced.

Its tone is reminiscent of those film scenarios in which Mr Ustinov studies satirically the habits of our wartime soldiers—though Mr Wright sticks to the officer class.

He discovers in fact two classes. One comprises the public school and university men who were born to lead and knew it. The other takes in the upstarts, sons of barmen and all that sort of lower class trash. It is Mr Wright's measure to suggest that before the enemy could be beaten in the last war the British Army had to win several battles behind its own lines.

Could these majors and brigadiers be said to have betrayed one another in their struggle for promotion? Well, that is the solemn theme. But the author makes so light of it that we hardly care what happens next to the jockeying for position amid the top brass in Egypt in 1942 as it is poised to send a mission to Yugoslavia to sort out the partisans, is kept at the level of stock types.

The trouble is that although the personal conflicts are amusing and richly characterised in Geoffrey Hutchings's twitching tyrant of a colonel of the lago-type, we can't help wondering why so much trouble should be taken over such a—well, a scenario. For that is what these lively episodes amount to rather than a play.

With all its off-stage assistance, including an excellent orchestra, the company almost outnumbers the necessarily small audience for Adrian Noble's well-drilled production which evokes the spirit of the British Army in the Middle East with a fine sense of atmosphere.

But when someone complains about "deadly co-ordination," militarily speaking, we can't help thinking that this jolly little piece might have seemed better co-ordinated on the screen. We must salute the author's retrospective understanding of his types in a conflict which took place before he was born, and apart from Mr Hutchings's twitching bully, the acting of Peter Erve (his main opponent) and of Nicholas Farrell and Poly James (who has all the right social connections) is good. But it seems an oddly extravagant evening for the Royal Shakespeare Company to have bothered with.

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A right royal performance

By Anthony Powell

Art and Power: Renaissance Festivals, 1450-1650. By Roy Strong. (Boydell Press. £19.50)

SIR ROY STRONG'S "Art and Power" carries further his earlier work "Splendour at Court" (1974) which dealt with the complex and fascinating aspects of the spectacular entertainments put on by the princes of the Renaissance, a subject on which Sir Roy is a recognised authority.

Their prodigious public performances derived in many respects from Roman Triumphs, and were themselves forerunners of, say, the Lord Mayor's Show and Trooping the Colour. If the last might be held to be too specifically military for inclusion, in spite of the mesmeric and theatrical formality of the parade's music and movement, it must be remembered that the Renaissance festivals also drew on a medieval military tradition of tournaments and State entries. On the purely showbiz side, these pageants and masques gave us ballet, opera, even the proscenium arch and the moveable scenery of the theatre.

The practical purpose of all this lavish expenditure was to glorify the ruler and establish his (in the case of Queen Elizabeth I her "image") in the public mind. Sir Roy's theme is that these spectacles are perhaps the most consummate example of the arts, by the use of emblems being called in to emphasise and define governmental power and aims. The horrible little facetious drawings with which officialdom nowadays sometimes embellishes its explanatory pamphlets might be likened to an enormously decadent example of the use of the emblem for the ignorant, with the aim of explaining and instructing in a tasteless age.

To make things easy for those who were none too bright was far from the method of the Renaissance, even if the display was intended to teach a lesson, and what that implied. The festivals of the Emperor Charles V, Catherine de Medici in France, the Grand Duke Ferdinand in Tuscany and the court masques of Charles I in this country, were often obscure to a degree in the allegories they used. Some of the greatest artists,

Ballet, says Sir Roy, is the most elusive of all festival forms to recapture. There was then no form of choreographic name, while its scenery and costumes, with music and poetry, survive today as vividly as in their own time. The ballet numbers of the court masques were particularly associated with Ben Jonson and Inigo Jones, one of many brilliant features of the period of Charles I ended by the Civil Wars. It is hard to exaggerate Charles's part in bringing superb pictures to the country, and the other arts were no less well represented in his reign.

Sir Roy has some interesting comments to make on the famous quarrel between Ben Jonson and Inigo Jones. He thinks that the row cannot be defined purely as the visual against the verbal elements of the masque. On the contrary, both men had very much the same ideas as to the court seeing itself in the mirror of art. They could not however agree on the presentation of what Jonson called "removed mysteries."

The Renaissance aspirations to universal harmony and order through the arts have much to teach, and the technicalities of the festivals, their staging and decor, are well indicated here by the illustrations.

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With a view halo

By W. F. Deedes

The Golden Thread: Foxhunting Today. By Michael Clayton and John King. (Methuen. £29.95)

BEAUTIFUL books are so often made a setting for the artist or photographer, around whom the letterpress is so much cotton wool.

"The Golden Thread"—taken from Lord Willoughby De Broke's "Foxhunting is the golden thread running through the history of the British countryside"—does not conform to this pattern.

The eye of the foxhunting man or woman will be distracted from the artist's work, good though it is, by Michael Clayton's account of how foxhunting is run, how the hunt fare, and of his own experiences. And so will the eye of many more who do not hunt but like to follow this thread into the final hours of a short winter's day.

Mr Clayton reckons that about a quarter of a million people in the British Isles hunt regularly and up to a million intermittently in the season. Who would have thought that likely 40 years ago at the close of the last war? Mr Clayton has been editor of

The Golden Thread: Foxhunting Today. By Michael Clayton and John King. (Methuen. £29.95)

As Sir Winston Churchill said, "The Golden Thread" is a straight-forward narrative and gentle humour suits the best.

There is good sense written here also about those whose concern for the welfare of animals is on such a high moral plane that it impels them to throw "pepper" at foxhounds and fire-crackers under horses.

But Mr Clayton's conclusion is:

"The calibre of people I meet in the hunting field throughout the British Isles is the best assurance possible for the future good conduct of the sport."

John King has been a professional artist for 25 years.

The appeal of his paintings and pencil drawings lies in the impression that this is a foxhunting man who is also a talented artist—not an artist who sometimes goes hunting. He adds a lot to cold to the thread, a formidable partnership, and something to cheer up hunting folk through the long summer evenings.

JOHN KING

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YOUR PARTY LOOK, ALL WRAPPED UP

BY ANN CHUBB

A FEW quick beauty tricks—a new hairstyle or a dramatic new make-up for a party—can often work the magic effect of total transformation yet cost very little.

Headwraps are still with us and can give those hard aggressive teenage haircuts a softer new look for night-time.

The young style we picture here, for instance, was achieved with nothing more than hairspray and an off-cut of dress net costing only a few pence.

Similar but more sophisticated looks could make use of odd pieces of lace or brocade with equal effect.

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Lips here too are a true bright red, although there is an alternative pinky brown (Brun Cormandel) that really does provide a strong yet natural tone to wear for day with all the currently fashionable country tones.

On a different tack is Dior's new range Les Secrets. The big "secret" here is the use of dark smokey eye-colours unexpectedly combined with pale shiny translucent lipstick.

At first glance the dark colours of the eye palettes with their four colours all centring on either black or smoke look daunting, but subtly applied with their accompanying highlights of grey/rose or grey/ochre they look dramatic with the contrast of pale transparent lipsticks.



THE ENTERTAINER

JUST back from a year's schooling in Paris, Felicity Simpson is now embarking on a London season, and if that conjures up Sloane Ranger images, they're far from the truth.

For 20-year-old Felicity, (pictured right, by PAUL ARMIGER), with a smile so wide it seems about to split her face, has been studying at a circus school in Paris, and her London season will be divided between Leicester Square and the piazza of Covent Garden.

Her act, which she has devised herself, consists of juggling, "Chinese ribbons" and magic, and she hopes it will help to earn her enough to take her to Brazil, and the state circus school there.

What made this youngest-of-four from a West London family (her brother is a draughtsman, one sister a teacher, and mother a recent sociology graduate) choose such a career?

"I was always a bit of a show-off as a child," she says. "I used to skateboard a lot, and then I taught myself to juggle and to ride a unicycle, and when I was 16 I was asked to be in the Lord Mayor's parade. That led to odd store-promotion jobs, and once to a spot on a children's TV show."

She got five O-levels and went on to try for A-levels "although I realised I wasn't academic and I failed them all. I could have done drama at Chiswick Polytechnic, but it didn't seem my style—not spontaneous enough—so when I heard about Annie Fratellini's school in Paris I decided to go there. I sold fire alarms all summer and saved up £180."

In a large tent near the Porte de la Villette, she was taught acrobatics, equilibrium, trapeze work and classical dance at the circus school, paying £25 a month, plus insurance. Hostel accommodation would have added another £140 a month, away beyond her means, but the Accueil des Jeunes (Young People's Welcome) organisation gave her a part grant for the first three months.



BY ELISABETH DE STROUMILLO

Luck got her a job last December with the Paris Circus, which brought in £100-odd, and friends gave her house-room. Eating then depended on precarious revenues. "Juggling on the Métro wasn't a success when it rocked about," she recalls. "But when it worked, people really enjoyed it."

At Easter time she went to Portugal with another circus-school girl, Karen, a dancer from London with a Portuguese father, and they did a double act in a Faro café "where we were treated like aristocrats," of course.

And after Brazil? "When I'm about 26, I'll do a proper drama course, because then I'll be able to get more depth into it. Perhaps I'll try for real plays or perhaps I'll become a jester. Not a clown; that's too introverted, whereas jesters have a wonderful rapport with the people they play to. That appeals to me, but I'll need to know more about people first."

Now she has a daytime

job in the toy department of a London store and will perform in Leicester Square in the evenings, and Covent Garden from Sunday.

"Leicester Square could be tricky for a girl," she reckons, "but I'm going to position myself next to some French bagpipers, who are very nice."

Covet Garden is even better organised than the Pompidou Centre: you sign up on a list for what you hope will be a good half-hour slot, and they even have a special bottler (hat passer). He gets a percentage, of course.

Back in Paris, they became involved with an English theatre group doing "Twelfth Night" in the Bois de Boulogne open-air theatre. There was no pay during rehearsals, so they did late-evening street shows, first in the Champs-Elysées and later outside the Pompidou Centre.

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A LAST WORD ON SUPPERS

BEING among the guests at Glynn Christian's "last supper" was an experience as demanding as it was rewarding.

But it wasn't as final as it sounded: the television cook and author was simply demonstrating the menu he had chosen for an original book of that name, "Last Supper," compiled by Jeremy Curn (Element Books, £9.50), in which top chefs and food professionals are asked to imagine their last meal.

We joined Glynn in his self-imposed and extravagant quest to decide on his favourite caviar sampling. Beluga, Sevruga (very small-grained), Russian Gold (from the roe of immature sturgeon) and Iranian Golden (from the Ossetra sturgeon).

He served it only with sour cream and saffron brioches.

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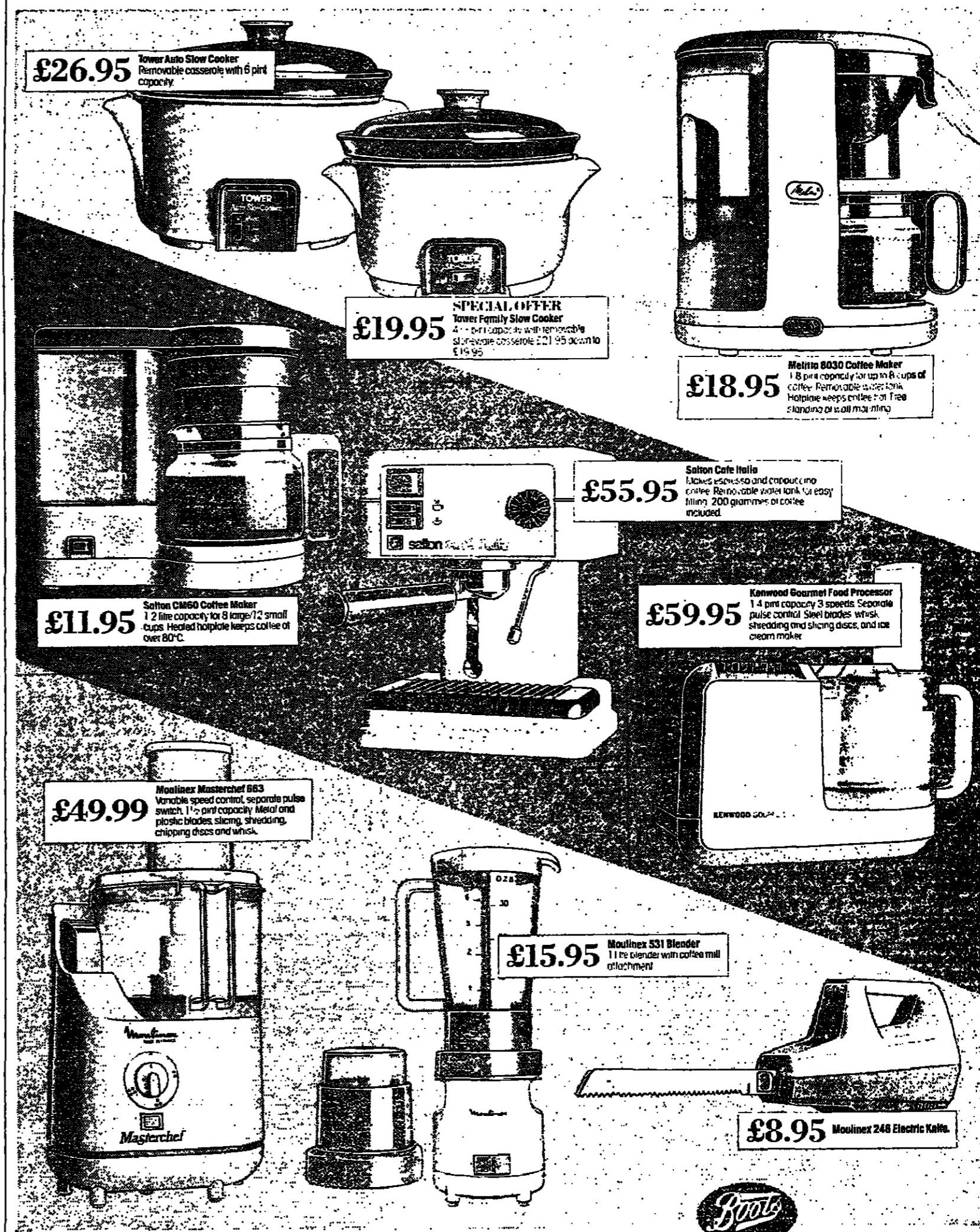
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TOGETHERNESS BY THE SEA

THIRTY-TWO or more voluntary welfare and social groups, clubs and associations in the Sussex village of Pevensey make up a pattern of community life so varied that some organisers think it must be a record for such a small place.

Organisers of these groups use the word "extraordinary" to describe the involvement of some 4,000 members in activities which range from Age Concern and the Flower Club, Aqua Club, Social Club, Horticultural Society, Cancer Research, Darby and Joan, and Residents' Association to the Young at Heart social club.

Age Concern serves 3,500 people in the Pevensey area and raised £10,000 in a year to put an ambulance for the elderly on the road.

Another enterprise, Guide Dogs for the Blind, has raised funds for three dogs.

Over 25 voluntary organisations got together for their Christmas Bazaar which has just raised £1,100.

Age Concern has a Christmas Day dinner in the Red Cross hall where volunteers will provide a turkey dinner, with all the trimmings and wine, for £1, for lonely people. There is no "age" involvement in this; anyone lonely is welcome.

The Royal British Legion, Westham and Pevensey branch, has a Father Christmas parcel delivery service for people who might not get parcels, or indeed, for anyone someone wishes to remember.

There is no figurehead and

each group runs its own affairs, but Mr Ken Ulyatt, Chairman of the Welfare Ambulance Committee, a former Age Concern secretary and Burma Star veteran, knows the scene as well as anyone.

"It is extraordinary," he said. "The way everyone is involved. The atmosphere is in the community: we have even had Scout Cub helping in some enterprises."

The Age Concern "Pop-in" lunch, where up to 60 people a day meet for soup, bread, biscuits and cheese, coffee and fruit for 35p is a happy occasion where the noise is on the level of a children's playground.

Another enterprise special to Pevensey is the Parish Puma, a 16-page non-profit newsletter with news from the voluntary organisations in Westham, Pevensey and Pevensey Bay, which goes into 2,500 households every month. It tells what the Flower Club and WI, the Young at Heart social club, Senior Citizens Club, Cubs and Scouts, and the Youth Club are doing.

People in "the Bay" do not claim to be unique, but beneath the sea, seemingly stratified estuaries, there feel they have achieved a pattern of living which could be a model for other places of similar size. They would be happy to know there are other small communities that have built up such a pattern of self-help and co-operation, but doubt if their record of achievement can be equalled.

Reg Foster

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LAW AT SEA

THE UNITED NATIONS Convention on the law of the sea has generally been presented as an imperfect but useful compromise between the Western industrial nations and the Third World. In return for granting the Third World an unearned share in the proceeds of deep-sea mineral exploitation, the West had allegedly received its agreement to a stable legal framework covering territorial waters, the right of passage, marine conservation and so on. The price is high. Regulation of deep-sea bed mining is in the hands of an International Sea Bed Authority which is cumbersome in organisation and politically weighted towards developing countries and the Soviet bloc; which has excessive powers to levy supranational taxes on the (mainly Western) mining companies and to obtain their technology on favourable terms; and which can restrict production in order to keep prices stable (i.e. high) in the interests of land-based producers. This overblown international bureaucracy rests precariously on the dubious legal premise that the contents of the seabed are the property of all mankind everywhere (*res communis*) rather than the property of those who invest capital, effort and ingenuity in bringing them to the surface (*res nullius*). And its principal effect, admittedly well into the next century, would be to discourage sea-bed mining and to raise mineral prices.

What benefits did the West receive in exchange? It is argued that the Convention would establish such rights as "transit passage" through straits which are especially important to a maritime nation like Britain. This benefit is, however, extremely modest. First, it is largely the codification of existing customary rights. Secondly, the Convention has no provision for the enforcement of these rights against violators. If a nation's ships are refused passage through straits, it will continue to be up to the nation threatened to insist on its rights by force. And, finally, the definition of such rights as "transit passage" in the treaty is hedged about with qualifications which, though apparently anodyne, may perhaps increase scope for denying passage to, say, a South African or Israeli ship. Mr MALCOLM RIFKIND was therefore right yesterday to confirm the Government's decision not to sign the convention. It is a pity, however, that the Government is to follow West Germany in not obstructing the European Community's collective signature. The Community's powers in the matter are admittedly limited to fisheries and pollution. But its adherence will be a misleading symbol. And there is no good reason for the Community to take a joint view when its members plainly differ.

MR CHERENKO'S SIGNALS

WITH THE SOVIET UNION suddenly waxing positively enthusiastic about arms-control talks with the United States it is worth asking what President KONSTANTIN CHERENKO is up to. In the past few days he has said it was "time to roll up one's sleeves and get down to business," hinted that given certain conditions there could be an early summit with President REAGAN, and insisted that the Soviet Union was ready to adopt "radical solutions" to the arms race. Taken at face value the Kremlin is busy signalling a change of mood towards the United States and that it wants the Gromyko-Shultz talks about talks in Geneva next month to be successful.

There should be no doubts that there is an element here of the need of the Soviet leader to reverse his initial image as Chernenko the Weak into Chernenko the Strong, and more, including demonstrating a readiness to at least begin exploring a relationship with a remarkably confident Mr REAGAN. We do not know the extent of the power struggle being waged in the Kremlin—whatever happened to Marshal USTINOV, Defence Minister, who has not been around for weeks and why was Marshal OGARKOV, Chief of Staff, cut down in his prime? But just at the moment Mr CHERENKO is asserting himself and is apparently ready, willing and able to talk to Washington.

It is equally clear that despite the recent increase in the Soviet defence budget (and even this does not say much about the real situation) there are strong internal pressures pushing the Politburo to put a brake on military spending. Once again there was a rotten harvest and the country has very much an exhausted economic system to go along with exhausted old leaders. It may simply be that the Russians are interested in talking only in order to delay, or even cancel, Mr REAGAN's ambitious plans for space-defence technology. But it may also be that they now think they will get a fair deal on nuclear arms control generally from Mr REAGAN and from Mr PAUL NITZE, his highly-experienced and conservative arms negotiator.

WRONG TARGET

IN THE YEAR when Mr KINNOCK and Mr HATFIELD were appointed to lead a sharper and more vigorous Opposition, it is an ambiguous compliment indeed when Mr TAM DALYELL emerges as his party's most effective troublemaker in the Commons. The Hon. Member for Linlithgow, so honoured yesterday in a rather dubious set of Spectator Parliamentary awards, has overshadowed the Labour Front Bench by some very modest achievements. He saturated the Order Paper with rather over 1,100 questions, costing the taxpayer around £200,000, casting doubt on a *de nra* theory of ministerial motivation underlying the sinking of the Belgrano. A fine-sifting of minute has ensued. This has proved at length that Mr DALYELL's performances are however, and embarrasses the Opposition only by showing that its right hand, as in many other organisations, sometimes does not know what its left is doing.

Mr DALYELL is no longer, however, the lone eccentric beloved of popular fiction. The highest men in his party have rallied round to endorse his sashays and to accuse the Prime Minister without evidence of lying. So, equally, has his party come increasingly to adopt the DALYELL style of unorthodox answer, persistent questioning, often on the high profile point of order interruption to Clegg's busines, in the sure conviction that scandal and controversy lurk behind the arses. I have seen much of 1984 harassing the Opposition for giddy secrets behind the Belgrano, GCHQ and the Major's visit to Oman, and to the Opposition from more serious and dangerous sources. But GORSKI's Labour party would have mounted its major, publicity-hunting assault on the unenvied Labour-led spending or on relations with Argentina and not wasted breath on a silly point of order after military victory. But Labour in 1984 is different. It cannot win the vote, it can't win the argument. It seeks, and is winning, the ground. Mr DALYELL, once unique, is now all too alarmingly typical of it.

Battle of the books

EVER since the introduction of printing made books readily available, reading has immeasurably increased human wealth. Whenever some invention has multiplied man's possessions or enriched his everyday life, it will usually be found that a book was the original motive spark which set the wheels of productive industry turning. In the 18th and early 19th centuries such reading by British pioneers and inventors made this country the richest in the world.

Because as people we have realised how large a part reading and learning have played in the creation of our material well-being, successive British Governments have refrained from taxing books and, by doing so, have kept their prices as low as possible.

Recently there has been a move in Treasury circles towards a gradual substitution of taxation on spending in place of taxation of incomes. But as Value Added Tax on books, on top of existing taxes and rates, would have sent their prices to prohibitive levels, they were given zero-rated status and so, like food and medicine, exempted from VAT.

Today, however, faced by the rising costs of overstuffed Government establishments, the Treasury has been driven to consider withdrawing the zero-rating of books, even though the sum raised by doing so would be paltry—a mere £85 million which, even if realised, would be only a tiny fraction of the sums needed to make any real impression on excessive Government expenditure.

THIS effect on books, education and learning would be calamitous. Book prices would rise not merely by the 15 per cent. added by removing their exemption from VAT, but by at least another 5 per cent. through lower printing orders and the increased demands of the all-powerful printing trade unions. Paperbacks today selling at £3.95 would rise to over £6; far fewer hardbacks would be published, high-quality books without mass appeal hardly at all.

For publishers an average of 20 per cent. on the cost of book production would gravely damage their capacity to serve their existing markets, both domestic and foreign. At present they are contributing 1 per cent. to Britain's export trade, selling a third of their production overseas—an achievement hailed by the Prime Minister as among our proudest export records. But the economics of scale and the quality which make our books competitive abroad would be eroded.

As books are the indispensable tools of education, including self-teaching schools, learning and education would suffer most of all. Even more disastrous would be the effect on bookshops. Most, if not all, the small independent ones serving local communities would be driven out of business. And larger ones, expected by their owners to make a reasonable return on investment, would be forced to give a greater proportion of their space to more popular and saleable products than books.

IN 1933 A. G. Street, after the success of "Farmer's Glory," found himself having to speak before a thousand guests at a Poyle Luncheon. Among the other speakers was H. G. Wells, who, taking as his theme the persecution of authors in Nazi Germany, made an indelible impression by

Sir
ARTHUR BRYANT
sees VAT on
the printed word
as a threat to
British tradition

what he said about the enduring importance of books:

What is happening in Germany seems to me to be more than anything else a rebellion of the clumsy lout against liberal civilisation... It is a clumsy lout's revolution against thought, against sanity, and against books. Where it will take Germany nobody knows.

But it is not only in Germany that the wide tolerations with which this century opened are disappearing. It is going on all over the world. The clumsy lout is rampant everywhere, wearing his idiotic symbols, making his idiotic salutes, contriving his imbecile cruelties. Are we safe in England here? Personally, I do not feel a bit safe. It is all right here in this room, of course, but ten years ahead luncheon parties for literary men may give place to lynchings for literary men!

But about one thing I do feel safe. In the long run the judgment of books will win, and the clumsy lout will be brought to heel. In the long run the judgment of books will settle with all the braving and bawling heroes of these insurgent louts. We shall have Mr Hitler weighed accurately by his last swan, we shall know the truth about Goering and Goebbels and about incapacity and savagery in Russia. Our children will.

Books are a refuge and a reservoir of power. The mills of books grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly small. Men may suffer and men may die, but human thought embodied in science and literature goes marching on. So I will make an end of speaking. Let us get back to enduring things, let us get back to our books.

"Somehow," Street wrote, recalling that speech seven years afterwards, "I find it comforting, in the year 1940, to hear again H. G. Wells's husky voice prophesying that the reign of the clumsy lout will cease and that

A silver quaich for loquacious Owen

THE SPECTATOR threw a sumptuous lunch for MPs and "media people" at the Savoy and yesterday to present a new set of awards for the Parliamentary Performers of 1984. The lunch, like an earlier dinner for the judges of the awards, was heavily washed down with the product of a whisky firm.

Some doubted afterwards if the judges had got it quite right. The main award of Parliamentarian of the Year went to David Owen and one who has built up a big reputation in the House this year I have no quarrel with that, only his loquaciousness on receiving the silver quaich.

Neither do I demur at the award of Backbencher of the Year to Nick Burden who is a perpetual thorn in the side of the Government and Opposition alike.

ALTERNATIVE suggestions

The rest? Tam Dalyell, Troublemaker of the Year, two took umbrage and failed to turn up; has certainly been an accused nuisance over the Belgrano, but Dr Jack Cunningham, Debater of the Year, was debited but booted 40-page document to Patrick Jenkins' undefined son and Malcolm Rifkind. Tam Man to Watch is very good but excites partly because he is a rare example of one who speaks without notes.

Mr "alternative" nominations for the last three awards would have been: Troublemaker—Francis Pym, the first Cabinet reject since 1878 to threaten real trouble on the backbenches; Debater—Enoch Powell, for the 25th year running; Man in Watch—Kenneth Clarke, ruthlessly ambitious, able and alone with me in attempting yesterday to get into the wrong luncheon.

More from Mars

MY NEIGHBOUR at the awards lunch was Peter Morrison, the relaxed junior Employment Minister who, as I reported last week, refers to his civil servants, according to rank, as "Surrey Martians," "Chief Martian," and "Martians."

He told me that he has now christened employees of the Equal Opportunities Commission "McMartians," his Civil Servants "McMartians," and those in Wales "Taff-Martians." The last, apparently, takes life very seriously indeed.

Bespoke centenarian

ON HIS 100th birthday this week Frank French, the former head cutter of Gieves & Hawkes, was delighted to receive, at his home in Ardwick, not one, the customary telegram from the Queen but also a birthday card from the D.H.S.S. staff in Newcastle.

French retired in 1937 after spending 38 years with the company and

books will once again come into their own." And today, nearly half a century later, there is no freedom for books in the intolerant totalitarian Marxist States. And even in this country, with its long tradition of freedom, a small but violent minority of Marxist propagandists are deliberately seeking to destroy from within the freedoms so long preserved here by the rule of law.

Fortunately, we have in the Prime Minister a leader resolute to defend them. Delivering the second Carlton Lecture on Nov. 26 she chose as her title, "Why Democracy Will Last." Because the majority in the Labour party in Parliament has passively surrendered to a violent extremist minority, a unique responsibility has fallen on her and her supporters.

"In our long history," she declared, "the Conservative party has sought successfully to conserve many things; the Monarchy, the House of Lords, the constitutional integrity of the United Kingdom. But now the mantle has fallen on it to preserve the very principle of Parliamentary democracy and the rule of law."

One trusts, therefore, that the Conservative party will also continue to preserve the freedom of the spoken and written word. Its leader herself has proclaimed that "books unlock the secrets and wonders of the world," constituting a major contribution to Britain's influence on mankind.

For not only has the consistent refusal of every British Government—including the self-governing democracies of the former British Commonwealth, Canada, Australia and New Zealand—to impose any tax on books and reading been scrupulously honoured for more than 125 years, but even during the crisis after Dunkirk when an emergency Coalition needed every penny to arm the country against invasion, the British Government consistently refused to impose a tax on books.

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It was this that Milton meant when, in old age, solitude and blindness, he wrote, "Let not England forget her precedence in teaching the nations how to live."

LONDON DAY BY DAY



"And how much for the goodwill?"

yesterday to pay tribute to "Binkie" Beaumont, the impresario who dominated the West End for thirty years from 1956.

Beaumont's career and the work of the Tennent organisation are charted in "Upper Circle" written by Kitty Black who translated plays by Sartre and Anouilh for him.

The Beaumont touch is exemplified by a story concerning the young Peter Shaffer who was terrified that his first West End play "Five Finger Exercise" which ran for two years and was later filmed would be an awful flop. "It's terrible," cried Shaffer after seeing a rehearsal. "You're right," replied Beaumont. "That cushion on the sofa does need moving."

Yet more bollards

MY NOTES about bollards made out of former ships' cannon, sparked by Lt.-Col. Sir Stuart Pringle's account of them scattered around the old Chatham dockyard, have produced yet more examples from across the country.

Readers in Bridlington tell me that two cannon bollards, made out of weapons used to guard the harbour there in the 17th century, have now been renovated and stand guard on the pier.

I am also assured that the fashion for cannon bollards came in during the 1870s, as the guns were superseded by weapons firing rotating-explosive shells. Such bollards however were already being erected much earlier in the century and the first ones appeared at the Royal Arsenal in Woolwich. Among other examples in London, the posts in St James's Square were apparently made from guns captured from the French in 1747.

You pays your money...

LAST MONTH'S edition of Keston parish magazine reported: "The pot luck supper of the Keston Wives Group will be held on December 6 when members are invited to bring their husbands."

PETERBOROUGH

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A DIFFICULTY ON STUDENT LOANS

SIR—The proposal that students in higher education should pay their way by obtaining loans seems very reasonable. This should apply to all students, irrespective of their parents' income.

Otherwise it becomes an "envious Socialist" device for taxing some parents twice over on the same income.

It was after all a Socialist Government that lowered the age of majority to 18 years and ended the pretence that people under that age are still children.

The only minor difficulty is to find someone who would be willing to lend students a sum of, say, £10,000 on the assumption that they will soon have the capital plus interest repaid by the same salary that the student is bound to earn.

Would you be prepared to take the risk?

E. W. EAST
Orpington, Kent

Is education bunk?

SIR—Sir Keith Joseph may be doing the middle income, middle classes a favour in forcing them to reconsider the value of a university education for their children.

It may comfort them to know that most entrepreneurs and many scholars and writers have managed to avoid university yet still achieve success. These include Tom Stoppard, Angus Wilson, Max Rayne, Alfie Cluff, Laura Ashley, Clive Sinclair, Barnes Wallis, Henry Ford, William Morris (Lord Nuffield), the men who founded many of our major companies such as Marks and Spencer, Sainsbury, Unilever and Taylor Woodrow, most of the white-kids behind the computer revolution and the vast majority of people who are successfully running small enterprises.

Circumstantial evidence suggests that a university education saves initiative and channel people into the semi-skilled Establishment, turns bright sparks into dull mediocrities, albeit in jobs with pretensions to respectability, security and some rather large unearned perks like index-linked pensions.

Of course, some disciplines do require a period of formal instruction and study but many of these including medicine,

CHARLES MURCHISON
Milton Keynes, Bucks.

Revolt of back-benchers

SIR—How remarkable is the revolt of the Tory back-benchers over the student grant proposals which affect chiefly those in the upper income class in contrast to their mere acceptance of the increase in gas and electricity prices last year which bear very harshly on the poorer section of the country.

Tory policy obviously favours the upper classes. This is the result of them having such a large majority.

It is a very great mistake to give any party such a large majority—they will abuse it.

JAMES TAYLOR
East Twickenham, Middlesex

Rude awakening in the counties' opposition

SIR—If Mr Kenneth Baker (article Nov. 29) really does think that the staffing has gone from the metropolitan counties' campaign against the Government's Bill to their mantle then he is in for a rude awakening.

First, Mr Baker will soon be told yet again that the Labour party is committed to a directly-elected strategic authority for the major areas of the country.

Second, the strength of opposition to the Bill as drafted will become apparent the more it is read. That opposition will come not just from Labour MPs following the 1983 and 1984 Party Conference resolutions which expressly support the metropolitan counties but from disaffected and disappointed Conservatives who will see the Bill for what it really is, namely, an enormous move towards centralisation.

Third, as the Government, in its strength being impossible to measure accurately, each side feels under-armed and compelled to compensate for areas of weakness. "Balance" of power means arms race.

Security depends upon who is for you, who against and at whom the weapons of other countries would fire. Strangely, no correspondent since Mr James Munson's penetrating article "The short, short trail a-winding from appeasement to war" (Nov. 10) has taken his point: "had there been an equivalent of Nato in

Duke of Norfolk wins Catholic confidence vote

By CHARLES LAURENCE

THE Duke of Norfolk, Britain's premier Roman Catholic layman, last night resoundingly defeated a plan to oust him from the presidency of the Catholic Union in the wake of his criticism of the Church's ban on contraception.

The proposal for him to step down as President and for the post to be left vacant for a year, made by a follower of the hard-line Opus Dei organisation, was defeated by 86 votes to four at the Catholic Union's annual general meeting at Westminster Cathedral.

YARD UPSET BY 'KIDNAP PLOT' STORY

SCOTLAND YARD yesterday made its first complaint to the Press Council over a report in the Sun of an alleged IRA plot to kidnap a Royal child.

The complaint, in a letter to the council, came from Mr John Dilow, Assistant Commissioner (Crime).

The Sun report claimed that an IRA terrorist had been caught with the kidnap plans and that the targets were Prince William and Prince William and Prince Harry.

The letter to the council also expressed concern about another Sun report last week about the Princess of Wales's brother, Viscount Althorp, a York spokesman said.

The Yard made it clear today that it had no evidence of its own to back up the kidnap claims.

Reporters questioned

After the story was published police said they were extremely concerned, because they were not aware of the alleged threat.

Anti-terrorist squad officers approached the two reporters concerned but they were unable to substantiate their story, said the Yard.

A spokesman for the news paper said: "We are satisfied with the truth of the kidnap story which came from two separate sources. We believe that Scotland Yard's anger is based on the breakdown in communications between departments."

£10,000 BOND PRIZES

Winning numbers for £10,000 prizes in the December Premium Bond draw were: 51A1 559597 (Hampshire); 65A5 758997 (Berkshire); DK 703011 (Lancashire); DF 619540 (Leeds); 5JL 593957 (Hampshire).

RSPCA aims to cut sales of furs

By JENNY SHIELDS

THE RSPCA launched a campaign yesterday against the killing of animals for their pelts in a direct response to the fur trade's efforts to popularise fur garments and expand the market.

The society, which estimates that over 22 per cent of British women own a fur garment, aims to reduce the demand for fur by a third within three years.

Their campaign, based on the slogan "Wearing Fur is a Moral Issue," will adopt some of the techniques used by similar animal organisations in campaigns on the continent where a drop in fur coat sales was recorded in Holland, Switzerland and West Germany.

Next year the RSPCA aims to contact two million households with campaign literature and postcards, as well as a major advertising campaign.

Everyday item

Mr Mike Smithson, the society's campaign director, said yesterday: "The fur trade is trying to turn fur into an everyday consumer item by taking it out of the top stores and into the high street fashion shops. But what will be overlooked is that the raw materials of the trade are living animals."

Mr Stefan Ormrod, the RSPCA's chief wildlife officer, said: "Our aim is to prevent cruelty to animals. To produce one fur coat, up to 70 animals are subjected to at best severe hardship and at worst extreme cruelty. So to anyone interested buying a fur coat this Christmas I would ask them to consider how many animals have died to make a present."

Mr Smithson said the society deplored the tactics of organisations like the Animal Liberation Front which in many cases actually harmed the cause of animal welfare. All the RSPCA's protests would be within the law.

MORE SURGERY FOR TORY MP

Mr Michael McNair-Wilson, 54, Conservative MP for Newbury, suffered kidney failure earlier this year, has been admitted to the Churchill hospital, Oxford, for surgery on a chest abscess caused by a secondary infection contracted during his kidney illness.

Last night he was "making satisfactory progress." It is the second operation in a month on the abscess, and it is hoped eventually he can go on the waiting list for a kidney transplant. He has held Newbury for the Conservatives since 1974 and in the last election won a 13,038 majority.

Mr Hoare said: "I am very sad. I did this because I love my church and the union. We have elected someone who does not believe in some of the Church's teachings. It is a sad day for the Church."

The Church's ban on contraception was stated in the Humane Vitae Papal Encyclical of 1968.



Mr Roger de Grey (left), the new President of the Royal Academy, pictured with his predecessor, Sir Hugh Casson, after his election yesterday.

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Roger de Grey is chosen by RA to succeed Casson

By KEITH NURSE

ROGER de GREY, 66, painter and treasurer of the Royal Academy for the past eight years, was yesterday elected 21st president of the 216-year-old Academy in succession to Sir Hugh Casson.

MAN FACES 7 MORE CHARGES

SEVEN new charges were brought yesterday by Bedfordshire police against a man accused of three rapes and other offences.

The 32-year-old Labour made no comment during the five-minute hearing at Dunstable Magistrates Court.

A six-strong crowd gathered outside the court and jeered and booed as he was led handcuffed into a van bound for prison after the hearing.

The new charges alleged that on April 11 he indecently assaulted a woman at Linslade, Bedford; indecently assaulted a man at Cheddington, Beds, on May 10, and burgled a house at Heathen Beach, Beds, with a firearm on June 9.

Shotgun theft

They further accuse him of causing grievous bodily harm to a man at Leighton Buzzard on June 11; indecently assaulting a woman at Linslade on July 6; burgling a house at Peterlee, Durham, on August 13; and entering a building at Milton Keynes with intent to rape on September 9.

The earlier charges against him were unchanged. He is accused of rapes in Linslade, Brampton-le-Morthen, South Yorks. He is also accused of stealing a shotgun with intent to endanger life in Leighton Buzzard and burgling a house in Leighton Buzzard while possessing a shotgun.

Reporting restrictions were not lifted and there was no application for bail. A committal date was set for December 20.

INVALID CAR ATTACK BY BOY, 7

A seven-year-old boy robbed a disabled pensioner as she drove home in her invalid carriage, snatching her purse containing £9, a pair of spectacles and a cheque card before running off down the high street at Thatcham, Berkshire.

Police later interviewed a boy about the weekend incident, but a spokesman said no action would be taken as the child was below the age of criminal responsibility.

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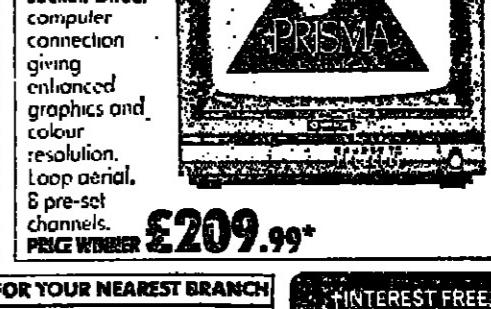
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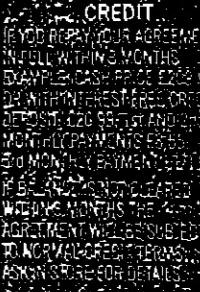
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COMPANIES

Ferranti £3.7m
up mid-way

DEFENCE electronics group Ferranti lifted opening half pre-tax profits from £14.8m to £18.8m, turnover of £553m against £207m.

Earnings come out at 3p, compared with 2.25p adjusted for September's sub-division and the interim up from 0.4p to 0.5p, payable Feb 4.

The order book, meanwhile, stands at a record level, up by more than 35 p.c. on the position a year ago. Notably, the company has been selected as the prime contractor for a new sonar to equip Royal Navy frigates, says the board.

Allied Colloids

PROFITS and dividend growth at Allied Colloids, the industrial chemicals group, have continued for it has pushed opening half pre-tax profits from £7.61m to a peak of £10.65m and the interim dividend goes up from 4.5p adjusted 0.5p to 0.7p on Feb. 28. Dividends came out at 3.6p 15.48p.

Despite British sales being adversely affected by the coal dispute, group turnover advanced from £57.6m to £68.9m helped by continued growth overseas and a favourable exchange rate.

The board does not expect any general improvement in trading conditions in the second half.

In the closing months of 1983-84 the group made £10.6m for a full year outturn of £18.2m (£12.2m).

Cent. & Sheerwood

THE IMPACT of "house-cleaning" weighed heavily on engineering to financial services unit Cent. & Sheerwood.

Pre-tax losses have swelled from £415,000 to £4.7m.

Fine Art Devs.

PROFITS recovery continues for the holding company's greeting cards group with the first half pre-tax outturn from Fine Art Developments up from £153,000 to £462,000. Sales, including Selective Group for its fine art, rose 15.4p to 5.5p.

Taking operating profits up from £1.25m to £2.8m pre-tax.

Aero & General

jumps 38p

A POSSIBLE bid approach left Aeronautical & General Instruments 38 higher at 358p, after 37.5p, yesterday despite a tumble in opening half pre-tax profits from a peak £46.000 to just £46,200.

The company manufactures reconnaissance systems and telecommunications products.

Telecommunications account for around three quarters of its business and rapid changes in this area are behind the profits downturn.

The change from largely mechanical to electronic technology, especially in the area of payphones, has seen the company undertake a major product development programme.

Aeronautical & General, which is more than 45 p.c. owned by investment companies in the Rea Brothers stable, is currently capitalised at £14.5 million.

MONEY & EXCHANGES

THE POUND gained slightly against the dollar yesterday, rising to \$1.205 from \$1.2055 overnight as the American currency lost ground in the foreign markets.

The sterling index also held steady at 75.7 in spite of some weakness in terms of the mark and Swiss franc. Dealers believe the German currency's strength may have been the result of central bank intervention.

In London money markets, conditions returned to normal after

but these are struck after charge, however, was also an exceptional charge of £1.26-26p.

Chairman Edel said that the overall group position is likely to hold steady in the closing months and he reiterates his expectation of a return to profitability in 1985.

Once again, there is no interim and payment of the preference dividend due in January is being deferred.

Group borrowings at end-June were reduced from 0.4p to 0.3p, payable Feb 4.

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Fairline Boats

THE IMPROVEMENT in business experienced by Fairline Boats in the first half continued in the second, and this power cruiser builder is increasing the dividend to 10.5p a share on Feb. 28. Dividends came out at 3.6p 15.48p.

Looking ahead, it says much will depend on the determination of dairy farmers to make up for the present shortfall on their quotas and the consequent volume of cattle for sale this winter.

It is too early for the board to forecast results for the year to Sept. 30, as are ahead from £246,000 to £402,000.

The current year has started well with strong demand for Fairline models.

Feedback

THE order pattern at Feedback, the computer peripherals maker, has, as it warned in August, been such that shipments in the first half were insufficient to produce normal results. As a result, pre-tax profit for the year slumped to £1.4m from £2.6m.

The interim dividend, however, stays at 1.25p on February 1. Shipments have risen substantially in the second half.

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Redpath Industries

REDPATH INDUSTRIES, Tate and Lyle's major Canadian subsidiary, has weighed in with full year pre-tax profits of £38.6m (£22.6m) in the 12 months to Jan. 31, up from £24.4m (£11.4m).

Net income rose from £52.5m to £54.45m.

Net profit from £1.1m to £1.2m.

Avesco

KESTREY INVESTMENT CO. Full

year pre-tax revenue £1.5m (£1.4m). Final dividend 6p making 10p (equal to 9.6p net pre-tax profit) payable Feb. 4.

Since half-year end has paid 1.5p (£.5m) for 26 p.c. p.a.

Gresham House

GRESHAM HOUSE. First half pre-tax profit £185,000 (£85,000)

including £10,000 from subsidiary of £20,000 (£8,000). Total

income £201,000 (£75,000). Eps

10p (1.25p) payable Feb. 4.

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Pauls

PAULS took swift action to

reduce costs following the drop

in sales of cattle feed that re-

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on dairy farmers last spring.

Its agricultural operations are

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THE QUESTOR COLUMN

Handsome is as Hanson does

TEST the kids' maths with this one: A company starts the year with cash of £302 million. It spends £500 million on acquisitions. How much is left? Answer: £252 million—but only if the company is Hanson Trust.

During the year Hanson has increased its cash in hand by £150 million, despite spending £225 million on the purchase of U.S. Industries and £240 million on London Brick, the cash element of the latter being about £70 million.

Cash is not the whole story, of course, and Hanson's long-term debt is up from £166 million to £797 million, around £80 million of which is convertible stock issued against the Ready Reckoner acquisition and likely to be converted in February.

The fact remains, however, that net debt is still only 37 p.c. of shareholders' funds and Hanson is ready—if not poised to—make another major purchase.

Last year's pair of purchases added £120 million to the pre-tax total for the year to September 30, 1984, so the remainder of the £78 million increase to £89.1 million came from earlier stories.

At home, Alders (UDS) was less a number of realisations) put in £24.8 million to profit against £5.7 million and Ever Ready £51.9 million compared with £20.5 million.

London Brick was included for only seven months but nevertheless was the major factor in pushing brick profits from £7.4 million to £32.6 million. U.S. Industries was five months within the group and put in trading profits of £8.9 million.

In the current year, merely

including for the full 12 months London Brick and U.S. Industries and allowing for reasonable growth in the other businesses pushes pre-tax profit projections towards the £220 million level.

That would provide another handsome increase in earnings per share to take the three-year progression, before deflating for loan stock conversion, from 11.3p to 19.2p to around 25p. At 27.9p, the shares are still far from overbought.

Beer is best at Bass

THOSE of little faith got a hasty come-uppance yesterday morning. A too-superficial reading of Bass' final figures to September 30 made it appear it had under-shoot profit targets and the shares slipped 10p.

Proper examination revealed the reverse (the confusion was over property profits) and the pre-tax profit increase from £175 million to £218.4 million, March to a low of 48.5p in July before climbing back to 62.5p. was enough to send the shares up 5p on the results.

They are, in short, a trading

Bass's beer engine powered stock. The steady growth record inspires investors to interests.

market share up by 1 p.c. The larger market share is a win-win situation for Bass.

better than that. Beer volumes were 0.5 p.c. ahead nationally,

and again Bass claims a bigger increase.

The strength of the beer business—which recorded a 27 p.c. trading profit increase—does, however, pose a problem for Bass in that its declared ambition of generating a quarter of group profits outside the drinks industry is further from realisation than ever.

Last year the non-drinks portion of profits slipped from over 18 p.c. to under 16 p.c. as none of the leisure interests could hold a candle to the beer side—registering a growth rate of a lowly 8 p.c.

Bass is likely to get close to its aim only by acquisition, and even then its strong position in both hotels and betting limit the opportunities. Despite a more performance from Potters, Bass is still eyeing the hotel business. May we all wait to see Grand Metropolitan's intentions towards Horizon Travel before making a move.

Financially, Bass is in a good position to move for despite capital spending of £180 million, it generated a £60 million improvement in liquid funds.

The current year is already off to a reasonable start and although it will complete only 52 weeks' trading against 1983's 53 weeks, the pre-tax figure looks capable of rising to £250 million.

That leaves the shares selling at nine times earnings and still one of the best buys in an under-rated sector.

Nothing dull about GUS

GREAT Universal Stores is the retailing group which looks like a conglomerate. Its business stretches from mail order to chain stores, through merchandising and manufacturing to finance.

Shareholders have been glad of that mix for some years—about 35 to be exact, for that is how long GUS's have been able to maintain a steady, if undramatic appreciation in pre-tax profits.

Half-time profits to September 30 suggest the trend is continuing with an increase from £92 million to £105 million. At 14 p.c. a rate of growth fits neatly into the top end of GUS's long-term range of between 5 p.c. and 15 p.c.

The reliability of results could encourage the view that GUS's shares are dull performers. In fact the reverse is true. GUS's shares have moved from a high of 70.5p in March to a low of 48.5p in July before climbing back to 62.5p.

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REVIE SET TO RETURN WITH QPR TODAY

By DONALD SAUNDERS

THE probable return of Don Revie to League football today after seven years in the wilderness would not meet with universal approval from League, F.A. or club officials.

Last night Mr Revie met Jim Gregory, the Queen's Park Rangers chairman, in a London hotel, and an appointment is expected.

Mr Gregory would not confirm that the former England manager had been offered the job ("he is one of several people under discussion") but he looks the favourite to take over from Alan Mullery, who was dismissed on Tuesday night.

Though there has always been general admiration of Mr Revie's qualities as an outstanding coach and tactician, his walk-on the England team is still widely resented.

Even in this highly-commercialised era of professional football, those involved in the game like to present in the public an image of upright sportsmanship.

The judge's severe criticism of Mr Revie's approach to his job, his High Court appeal against an F.A. ban, scarcely suggested this was a true picture of the game.

Gifted player

Some other managers and officials in English soccer believe the judge's sharp comments reflected harshly on them.

Others simply did not like the way Mr Revie approached his job as manager, either of Leeds or England. In their view—and I share it—he was too often inclined to over-emphasise the financial reward for success at the expense of the reputation of football as a mass spectator sport.

I doubt whether entertainers have ever ranked highly on Mr Revie's list of priorities even though, as a gifted player, he brought joy to all true lovers of the game.

In my opinion, one of the greatest commendations of the English management era—the failure of his Leeds team—despite championship FA Cup, League Cup and European success—to play the highly

Exile was always temporary

By MICHAEL CALVIN

DON REVIE, suddenly thrust back into the soccer spotlight last night explained the attractions of a return to English football.

During his lucrative exile in the Middle East, when he successfully fought a 10-year ban from the domestic game through the Courts, he realised that he thrives on the all-consuming nature of club management.

His suppressed instincts were aroused by a three-month spell in charge of the Al-Al club in Cairo this summer.

"I never thought that I'd have the chance to get back into the English game, but since I returned home, I have discovered that I missed the involvement," he said.

"I have been away seven years and don't know everything about English soccer. But I am still able to get out on the training pitch and, after 40 years in the game, I feel I have something to offer."

Mr Revie, 37, is not blind to the fact that he remains a controversial figure. Reflecting on the future which greeted his

skilled, adventurous football of which they were capable.

When, very rarely, they did turn it on, Leeds were a great side—one to put alongside Bushy's Manchester United, Nicholson's Tottenham and the Liverpool of Shankly and Paisley.

Alas, Mr Revie is not remembered for the heights of invention he reached. For one thing,

his name is more readily associated with the somewhat efficient gamesmanship, the commercial atmosphere he introduced into the England camp and his ultimate abandonment of this cause.

Behind this is a man of exceptional strength, capable of shutting out all else in a dogged drive for success.

But tend to each other's, uninterested in public acclaim, indeed prepared to withstand popular criticism—in the determined pursuit of the consuming satisfaction some men obtain from a limited existence.

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Both tend to each other's, uninterested in public acclaim, indeed prepared to withstand popular criticism—in the determined pursuit of the consuming satisfaction some men obtain from a limited existence.

Colin Appleton was last night dismissed as manager of struggling Third Division Scunthorpe City after only five months in the job.

Swansea who three seasons ago were in the First Division, have slumped to the Third Division bottom of the table. Their last match this week was held 1-1 at home against Welsh League side Neath in the Welsh Cup. They were also eliminated from the FA Cup by non-League Bognor Regis.

He clearly wants Rangers to cast off their Cinderella garments, and obviously believes Mr Revie can keep them in the First Division long enough for him to be deservedly rewarded.

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